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Mr. John Nolan  
Chair, Member Selection Committee  
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*Via email to jaburgess@acrel.org*

**Re: Nomination of Allen Wheeler for Selection as an ACREL Fellow, Minnesota Chapter**

Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Allen Wheeler of the Minneapolis office of Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. I have reviewed the College's Guidelines for Regular Member Selection and certify that Mr. Winner satisfies the criteria for selection to the College as set forth in the Guidelines.

I have known Mr. Wheeler since around 2010 during my tenure in the Real Estate Workgroup of the Target Corporation Legal Department. (I left Target in April 2015.) At the time, Faegre represented Target in a number of real estate matters, including a number of the new store and distribution center projects in which I was the lead attorney. I and Target attorneys who reported to me worked directly with Mr. Wheeler on a number of new store developments that included complicated local and state transactional issues. Some of these projects also had development challenges that Mr. Wheeler assisted in analyzing. He also worked with me and others in our Real Estate Workgroup in various ways, including due diligence efforts involving multi-site acquisitions and dispositions. Even as an associate, his competency in real estate transactions were very helpful to Target. After I left Target, Mr. Wheeler has been on the opposing side of a couple transactions and represented his client competently and effectively.

I find Mr. Wheeler to be intelligent, insightful and always thorough and accurate in his work. His technical competence is strong, and his ethical approach is consistently of the highest standard. He was a tremendous asset to Target's real estate teams in successfully completing many new store projects and acquisitions/dispositions. I have continued to follow his career and he has continued to distinguish himself as a terrific real estate lawyer.

Mr. Wheeler has given back to the legal community in a number of ways. He is a frequent presenter at CLE courses sponsored by the Minnesota State Bar Association as well as by the Minnesota Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Minnesota Real Estate Institute, the Practice Law Institute and the Urban Land Institute. He has also presented to numerous real estate industry groups. I include a number of his writings with the nomination materials.

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In my opinion and to my knowledge, Mr. Wheeler more than satisfies the College's Statement of Professionalism and exemplifies the standards of professional integrity and civility as provided in the Guidelines.

I am not (a) in the same firm, business entity, faculty or other organization as Mr. Wheeler, (b) related to him by birth or marriage, or (c) a current Governor or member of the Member Selection Committee of the College. Neither he nor his employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm, and my business relationship, if any, with him is only historical, as described above.

Thank you for your assistance in moving this nomination through the ACREL process.

Very truly yours,

*Joseph L. Nuñez* (signed electronically)

Joseph L. Nuñez  
Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers

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