



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF REAL ESTATE LAWYERS

MEMBER SELECTION

SECONDING LETTER

John M. Nolan
Chair, Member Selection Committee
c/o American College of Real Estate Lawyers
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Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Larry “Allen” Wheeler for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Joe Nuñez.

I have known Allen since before he began practicing law, in his capacity as a property manager working for one of my clients, circa 2000, or roughly 24 years. After he started practicing law, I had the opportunity to work on the opposite side of Allen in a couple landlord-tenant lease negotiations when I was in private practice. Since that time, I have been in in-house practice, and Allen was involved in doing work for me on complex matters as outside counsel and would readily engage him again to represent my employer-client’s interests, which is perhaps the strongest endorsement I can give.

I have also had the pleasure of attending “lunch and learn” legal education sessions hosted by Allen’s law firm, at which Allen spoke, and continuing legal education sessions offered to the “public” in which he was the presenter. Most recently, Allen and I spoke together on a panel covering due diligence, financing, proformas, and other business aspects of commercial real estate transactions. That course was interesting because it was a session with a large audience at a major CLE event, and the original panel were suddenly unable to appear. Allen, I, and three others were conscripted to put together a presentation without the original panel’s speaker notes, in the course of a few hours. Under those sorts of “battlefield conditions”, you could really see the depth of expertise, cooperative ability, grace under pressure, and practicality of the newly-formed panel, including Allen. Allen passed this test with flying colors, and I glad he was one of my co-panelists.

Allen is also the author or maintaining author on several legal references available through Westlaw or our state’s CLE non-profit organization that are widely relied upon, including the environmental law section of the practice manual for out state. Generally, Allen is well known for giving back to the legal community in the form of teaching CLE lectures and publications.

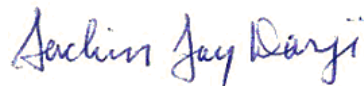
In all of my dealings with Allen, he has always been affable while representing his clients intelligently. He brings congeniality, a strong sense of professionalism, and deep subject matter expertise into his practice, while still being able to focus on what is practical in order to get transactions done rather than resting on only the technical aspects of real property law. I am confident that he would make a pleasant addition to the colleague rolls of ACREL in terms of people we would want to interact with, and be a contributing member.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Joe Nuñez and certify that Larry "Allen" Wheeler satisfies the criteria for selection to the College as set forth in Section 4 of the Guidelines for Regular Member Selection. In my opinion and to my knowledge, the Nominee satisfies ACREL'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 the Nominee, (b) related by birth or marriage to the Nominee, or (c) a current Governor or member of the Member Selection Committee of the College.

Except as disclosed below, neither the nominee nor his/her employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and my business relationship, if any, with the nominee is as follows:

Allen's law firm is regularly engaged as outside counsel by my employer-client (U.S. Bank), and, from time to time, Allen has been involved in his firm's work for us. I am not aware whether Allen or Allen's firm have a banking relationship with U.S. Bank, but that is possible as it is the fifth largest bank in the country.

Sincerely,



Sachin J. Darji
ACREL Member

cc (via email):
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