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## **SECONDING LETTER**

Margaret A. Rolando Chair, Member Selection Committee c/o American College of Real Estate Lawyers 220 N Market Street, Suite 100 Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Ms. Rolando:

I am pleased to second the nomination of Marni Zarin for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Greg Erwin

I've known Marni for approximately 8 years going back to her time in private practice at Winstead. While at Winstead, Marni and I worked opposite each other on several acquisition and financing transactions. I always found Marni to be a great attorney – able to advocate on behalf of her client and still find common ground to get the deal done. Since leaving private practice and joining a title company, we've continued to have opportunities to work together. As recently as this summer, Marni helped me navigate title issues in a difficult transaction involving a quasi-governmental entity and a ground lease. She is professional, collegial, and practices law in a way becoming of ACREL Fellows.

Regarding Marni's satisfaction of the give-back requirements, I don't have much direct experience beyond reading her resume and providing kudos for her several CLE presentations and her commitment to real estate and charitable organizations. I can offer one personal anecdote. In 2018 I served as the Chair of the Houston Bar Association Real Estate Section. I reached out to Marni to join the leadership team knowing that she would be a great addition to our group. Unfortunately, she was too busy with other organizations and did not want to over-extend. But in typical Marni fashion, she of course gave me two names of other attorneys she thought would be great – one of which ended up being the Chair of the Real Estate Section a few years later. Even though she was too busy with her own give-back, she still took the time to find others to help.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Greg Erwin and certify that Marni 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: N/A

Yours truly,

Lewis S. Kasner

cc: Greg Erwin