



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

June 11, 2013

Via E-mail

Bradley P. Sandidge  
Executive Vice President – Accounting  
and Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Colonial Properties Trust  
2101 Sixth Avenue North, Suite 750  
Birmingham, AL 35203

**Re: Colonial Properties Trust  
Colonial Realty Limited Partnership  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012  
Filed February 28, 2013  
File Nos. 001-12358 and 000-20707**

Dear Mr. Sandidge:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel L. Gordon

Daniel L. Gordon  
Branch Chief