

WHAT IS A CERTIFIED DIVORCE REAL ESTATE EXPERT™?

A Certified Divorce Real Estate Expert (CDRE™) is an emerging expert in the field of family law who is specifically trained to support the real estate needs in a case.

Guided by experience, training, and the CDRE Code of Ethics, the effectiveness of CDREs is felt throughout the system:

- Conflict is mitigated
- Judicial economy is promoted
- Lawyers are prepared and informed
- Clients are represented by a trained neutral

To become a CDRE, an experienced REALTOR® must pass The Illumni Institute's rigorous months-long certification program. This program is application-only, and is taught by a faculty of family law attorneys, mediators, certified mortgage professionals, and real estate experts, with judicial officers as guest speakers.

CDREs offer three main services to the family law community and their clients:

- 1. Education:** Real estate is in constant flux, and the state of the real estate market and trends impact how cases are handled. Your CDRE will consistently provide you with:
 - Real estate market data and trends
 - Lessons from cases that everyone can learn from
 - Nuances of the real estate / divorce crossover
- 2. Resources:** Every case with real property will need information. A CDRE can be your one resource for all things real estate, including:
 - Title documents: legal descriptions, deeds, property profiles
 - Values: sight unseen and full reports, supported by expert testimony
 - Challenges: foreclosures, equity buy-out questions, liens, creative settlement structures
- 3. Divorce Listings:** The listing of a house in a divorce case presents many challenges that CDREs are trained to handle, including:
 - Mutual agreement on pricing, offers, showings, terms
 - Sale sabotage
 - Court orders and proceeds distribution

