

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 agent 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, mortgage professionals, and real estate experts.

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