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HIRING AN EXPERT IN  
**Divorce  
Real Estate**



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## WHY USE A CDRE®

### 1 NEUTRAL, UNBIASED REPRESENTATION AND COMMUNICATION

A CDRE® has been trained to remain a neutral third party while supporting the divorcing couple in maintaining communication regarding the sale of the marital home. The CDRE® is trained to mediate disputes that may arise between the parties. CDREs® take a consultative approach to explaining options related to the marital real property.

### 2 HELP PROTECT THE EQUITY IN THE HOME

The goal of the CDRE® is to protect the equity in the marital home. Oftentimes, the equity in the marital home is all the divorcing couple has in order to start the next chapter of life. The CDRE® will never represent the buyer for the marital home, nor will they represent a spouse in securing another property.

### 3 HELP REDUCE LEGAL FEES

A CDRE® understands the legal process, including when to involve the attorneys and the court. This knowledge can save time and reduce attorney fees and court costs.

### 4 HELP REDUCE THE CHAOS

A CDRE® has been trained to effectively navigate the legal, emotional, and real estate processes that are happening simultaneously.

### 5 CAN QUALIFY AS AN EXPERT WITNESS

A CDRE® can testify as an expert witness, write reports, and systemically document events to submit to the court along with credible testimony to ensure the sales process does not stall or fail.



## WHAT IS A CDRE®

A CDRE® is one of a select few who has been accepted to and completed the most comprehensive, rigorous divorce real estate training program in the nation, and abides by their Code of Ethics.

To become a CDRE®, a Realtor® must go through a rigorous application process. Usually only 1 in 10 applicants are selected for admittance into the program.

Once in the program, a CDRE® must complete and pass a rigorous 40-hour, instruction course, as well as a 12-month online correspondence learning program. The instructors for the program include family law attorneys, family law judges, and family law experts, as well as instruction from the founder of Illumni Institute. Instruction focuses on the practice of real estate matters in divorce cases.

In order to maintain the CDRE® designation, a CDRE® must participate in on-going, monthly training and course work. Continuing education includes case studies relevant to the intersection of real estate and divorce, as well as other relevant topics.

## SERVICES OFFERED

A CDRE® is able to provide the following documents and services as requested -

- FAIR MARKET VALUATION
- LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS
- EVALUATIONS
- CHAIN OF TITLE
- INFORMATION ABOUT LIENS ON TITLE
- EXPERT COURT TESTIMONY
- ASSIST ATTORNEYS WHEN DRAFTING COURT ORDERS OR SEPARATION AGREEMENTS BY PROVIDING ACCURATE REAL ESTATE MARKET CONDITIONS
- PREPARING AND LISTING THE MARITAL PROPERTY FOR SALE

