

## Definitions of Real Estate Brokerage Relationships

A broker is required to advise you of the type of services the brokerage is going to provide. Colorado Law recognizes these services as the brokerage relationship. Different brokerage relationships are available which include seller agency, buyer agency or transaction-brokerage.

**Seller's Agent:** A seller's agent (or listing agent) works solely on behalf of the seller to promote the interests of the seller with the utmost good faith, loyalty and fidelity. The agent negotiates on behalf of and acts as an advocate for the seller. The seller's agent must disclose to potential buyers all adverse material facts actually known by the seller's agent about the property. A separate written listing agreement is required which sets forth the duties and obligations of the broker and the seller.

**Buyer's Agent:** A buyer's agent works solely on behalf of the buyer to promote the interests of the buyer with the utmost good faith, loyalty and fidelity. The agent negotiates on behalf of and acts as an advocate for the buyer. The buyer's agent must disclose to potential sellers all adverse material facts actually known by the buyer's agent including the buyer's financial ability to perform the terms of the transaction and if a residential property, whether the buyer intends to occupy the property

**Transaction-Broker:** A transaction-broker assists the buyer or seller or both throughout a real estate transaction by performing terms of any written or oral agreement, fully informing the parties, presenting all offers and assisting the parties with any contracts, including the closing of the transaction without being an agent or advocate for any of the parties. A transaction-broker must use reasonable skill and care in the performance of any oral or written agreement, and must make the same disclosures as agents about all adverse material facts actually known by the transaction-broker concerning a property or a buyer's financial ability to perform the terms of a transaction and if a residential property, whether the buyer intends to occupy the property. No written agreement is required.

**Do you have to hire an agent if you just want to see a property?**

**Absolutely not.** However, you will be asked to sign a disclosure document which says that the licensee has explained Colorado Brokerage Relationship law to you.