

***EMINENT DOMAIN  
THE STATE'S POWER TO TAKE***

Eminent Domain is the power of the government to take private property for public use. This power is inherent in the powers of the state. However, there are certain limitations placed on this power in the Florida Constitution.

Can the government's taking of property be defeated in court? It depends on several factors, but the short answer is probably not. The government can take private property if it is reasonably necessary for a public purpose. Public purpose includes such things as building a school or hospital or widening a road.

***IT'S ABOUT FULL COMPENSATION***

The eminent domain process usually comes down to ensuring that the property owner receives *full compensation* for the taking of their property.

You, as the property owner, will want to have your own lawyer and expert witnesses hired by you to be sure you have what is needed to seek full compensation for the taking of your property.

***YOU WON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR YOUR LAWYER OR CASE COSTS***

You do not pay for your attorney's fees and costs. The attorney's fees and costs are paid separately by the government and do not come out of the recovery. This means you can hire a lawyer at no cost to you.



**Is The Government Taking Your Land?**

**Call Attorney**

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