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Eminent Domain, Takings & Government Overreach



Track D **PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Defending Innovative Strategies Against Government Overreach

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Rooms 404 | 3:30pm – 4:15pm





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JECTIVES

- 1. Examine the mechanisms to hold the government accountable through litigation when it violates constitutional rights, thereby vindicating these rights and establishing enduring precedents that protect all citizens.
- 2. Discuss how fostering an environment where individuals can thrive without government interference enhances the fabric of our families and communities.
- 3. Gain insights into proactive steps the industry must take to effectively combat these challenges and defend our constitutional freedoms.

Defending Liberty

Innovative Strategies Against Government Overreach

Why Liberty Matters?

- Property rights are the foundation of freedom
- Unchecked power erodes trust and liberty
- Defending property rights protects families, businesses, and communities



Strategies for Safeguarding Liberty





JUDICIAL CHALLENGES

Defending rights through strategic court action.



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Proactive influence on lawmaking and policy.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Empowering citizens through knowledge and awareness.



BALLOT INITIATIVES

Direct democracy to bypass legislative gridlock.



COALITION **BUILDING**

Unified action through strategic partnerships.

Judicial Challenges



Courts: The First Line of Defense

Strategic litigation serves as the cornerstone of constitutional defense. By filing targeted lawsuits against unconstitutional policies, advocates use the federal court system to challenge government overreach at its source.

Creates binding legal precedents that protect constitutional rights and establish clear limits on government power nationwide.

→ **Next:** How Judicial Challenges Work





Judicial Challenges





Case **Assessment**

Identify constitutional violations with strong legal standing



Strategic Filing

Target favorable jurisdictions and timing for maximum impact



Precedent Building

Secure rulings that establish protective frameworks



Relief

Injunctions, damages, and deterrence

Legislative Advocacy



Strategic Engagement

Work directly with lawmakers through expert testimony, coalition building, and bill drafting to shape legislation that protects constitutional rights.



Committee testimony on constitutional issues

Gather & provide accurate research & data on impacts

Monitor & oppose bad legislation

Draft protective amendments & bills





Public Education



Shaping the **Narrative**

- Simplify the Message: Translate complex laws into everyday impacts.
- Connect to Freedom: Frame housing as a liberty issue, not just regulation.
- Mobilize Allies: Equip communities and voters with language that resonates.





Ballot Initiatives



- Signature Gathering: Build momentum through organized petition drives.
- → Voter Education: Inform citizens about constitutional protections at stake.
- Constitutional Victory: Secure citizendriven protections for individual liberty.



Key Advantage – Bypasses special interest influence in legislatures, ensuring citizens retain direct control over their constitutional protections.



Coalition Building



Amplifying Liberty Through Strategic Partnerships



Amicus Briefs

File strategic friend-ofthe-court briefs to strengthen constitutional arguments.

Impact: Adds persuasive weight to court rulings.



Cross-Sector Alliances

Unite housing providers, financiers, business groups, and advocates.

Impact: Expands political influence and reach.



Resource **Sharing**

Pool legal expertise, funding, and grassroots networks.

Impact: Tackles challenges beyond one group's capacity.





Defending Liberty





- Property rights are freedom rights.
- Defending them protects families, housing, and communities.
- Together, we can safeguard liberty from government overreach.

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