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Focus

- Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- Real Estate

Client-centered eminent domain lawyer protecting and defending commercial property owners across Florida. Former real estate appraiser involved in some of the most notable eminent domain cases in the state's history.

Gino Luzietti has been helping commercial property owners navigate the condemnation process for more than two decades. A former state-certified commercial real estate appraiser, his multidimensional eminent domain and property rights practice is bolstered by deep sector expertise and a nuanced understanding of property valuation metrics. Gino represents a diverse portfolio of property owners, including developers, outdoor media companies, fuel distributors, fast-food franchise owners, REITs, shopping centers, hotels, national warehouse developers, among others.

Gino has developed a particular expertise in negotiating and resolving difficult property valuation issues and concerns. Having served as an appraiser and go-to industry expert witness, he is intimately familiar with the underlying principles involved in securing fair and appropriate compensation for both property and business lost. His practice includes pre-condemnation planning and counseling, eminent domain litigation, direct and inverse condemnation proceedings, valuation trials, arbitrations, and Bert Harris actions.

Appreciated by clients and colleagues alike for his practical know-how and geographic reach, Gino has represented hundreds of Florida property owners in cases worth tens of millions of dollars. He understands how markets and neighborhoods interact with one another and frequently teams with GrayRobinson colleagues in the land use and real estate practices to align service offerings for clients protecting and defending their interests across the state.

Notable Work

- Consulted on the appraisal for the Topsail Hill project, a taking of more than $120 million and one of Florida's largest land condemnation and acquisition cases. The condemning authority ultimately paid approximately $85 million to the property owner, St. Joe Corporation.

- Consulted on the valuation and settlement of the The Miami Circle project involving the valuation of a Tequesta Indian artifact site uncovered during the development and construction of a downtown Miami high rise building. The County ultimately paid $26.7 million in compensation to the developer.
- Represented Hopkins Crossing DRI, which was a taking of a pond site out of a large mixed use development. The taking eliminated commercial frontage and diminished the access to a portion of the remaining property. The condemning authority's first offer was approximately $1.3 million and the ultimate settlement was approximately $4.5 million.
- Represented a private aviation facility that had a long-term lease at a public airport facility that was being closed and relocated. Initially, the client was told his lease would be terminated and he would not receive any compensation for the taking of the leasehold interest. The final settlement was in excess of $3.9 million.
- Represented a developer in Aventura on a partial taking of a mixed-use development. The first offer was approximately $11 million and the ultimate settlement was $20 million.

Affiliations

- The Florida Bar
    - Eminent Domain Committee, Member

Credentials

- J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 2000
- B.S., Florida State University, 1992

Admissions

- Florida