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Focus

- Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- Litigation

Strategic litigator, creative dealmaker, and masterful negotiator protecting client interests in eminent domain matters for over 30 years. Lead counsel in the highest valued eminent domain case in the history of the state of Florida.

Kent Hipp has been driving impressive outcomes for eminent domain clients for more than 30 years. An energetic and strategic advocate, he has handled more than 1,000 condemnation parcels from the Panhandle to the Florida Keys, representing both property and business owners, as well as select condemning authorities on all types of properties and projects throughout the state. His practice includes pre-condemnation planning and counseling, representation in all types of eminent domain cases, direct and inverse condemnation proceedings, valuation trials, arbitrations, and Bert Harris actions.

Kent's dynamic practice attracts clients from a variety of sectors, including transportation, real estate, banking, infrastructure, investment, and media. Known for his creative deal making and negotiating skills, he counsels clients in eminent domain and inverse condemnation cases related to the whole and partial taking of properties for a range of projects including, but not limited to, new roads, highways and bridges, road widenings, airports, parking facilities, power lines, natural gas and petroleum pipelines, water and sewer pipelines, fiber optic lines, conservation areas, public spaces, and government buildings, among others.

Kent was the lead lawyer for the property owner in the largest eminent domain case in Florida's history, FDOT v. U.S. Cities, which he and his team resolved for more than $198 million. When complex eminent domain matters require a flexible, multidisciplinary approach, Kent frequently teams with GrayRobinson professionals in the real estate, corporate, litigation, and government affairs practices to provide thorough and comprehensive counsel.

Notable Work

- Lead lawyer representing the property owner in the highest valued eminent domain case in the history of the state of Florida, FDOT v. U.S. Cities, valued at more than $198 million
- Represented 100 property owners in a federal condemnation matter involving a natural gas pipeline project spanning from Georgia to South Florida

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2007-2027
  - Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
  - Lawyer of the Year, 2014
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2010-2019, 2026

Insights

- "Crossroads," Eminent Domain Institute 25th Annual Conference, November 8, 2021
- "Appraisal Issues that Shape the Case," Eminent Domain Institute 25th Annual Conference, November 8, 2021

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Association of Eminent Domain Professionals
- The Florida Bar, Eminent Domain Committee
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- Orange County Bar Association

Credentials

- J.D., Stetson University College of Law, 1990, With Honors
- B.A., Wake Forest University, 1987, With Honors

Admissions

- Florida
- Florida Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. District Court for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida