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Charles is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and achieved this certification by trying condemnation cases. He has tried dozens of condemnation jury trials and handled several hundred administrative hearings before special commissioners. He has represented property owners across Texas in significant condemnations against the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and various other state and local governmental agencies.

Charles holds the CRE designation of the Counselors of Real Estate, an international consortium of credentialed real estate problem solvers who provide expert advice on complex real property and land-related matters. He is the past president and a current board member of the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists, established in 1986 to promote the availability, accessibility and quality of the services of civil trial and appellate lawyers to the public. He is a lifetime fellow of both the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation, dedicated to providing legal representation to the indigent, promote community understanding of our legal system and foster the administration of justice.

Charles is a Keeton Fellow to the University of Texas School of Law and the past chair of the Damages Subcommittee of the Condemnation, Zoning and Land Use Litigation Committee of the Section of Litigation for the American Bar Association. In addition, Charles serves as the Texas representative to the Owners' Counsel of America, a network of the nation's leading eminent domain and property rights attorneys. Candidates for membership in Owners' Counsel are thoroughly vetted based upon their ability, experience, results and dedication to representing private property owners in eminent domain. Membership is by invitation-only and restricted to one attorney from each state across the country.

Selected by his peers for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in America* and *Texas Super Lawyers* publications for his expertise in the areas of Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Charles additionally holds the rating AV Preeminent®, Martindale-Hubbell's highest possible rating for ethical standards and legal ability. He is included in the 2026 Texas Top 100 by Super Lawyers, and was recognized by Best Lawyers as Lawyer of the Year in Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law for Houston, Texas in 2020.

Charles is a frequent speaker and panelist on the topics of condemnation and eminent domain law and has been a contributing author to the American Bar Association, the American Law Institute, and other publications.





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REPORTED CONDEMNATION CASES

In re Hou. Pipe Line Co. LP, No. 01-25-00815-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] Apr. 23, 2026, no pet. h.)

Pawn TX, Inc. v. City of Houston, No. 14-24-00869-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] Dec. 2, 2025, no pet.)

Commons of Lake Houston, Ltd. v. City of Houston, 711 S.W.3d 666, 673 (Tex. 2025)

City of Houston v. Festival Props., Inc., No. 09-24-00158-CV (Tex. App.—Beaumont 2025, pet. filed)

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City of Houston v. Commons of Lake Houston, Ltd., 698 S.W.3d 572 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2023)

In re DeRuiter Ranch, LLC, No. 13-21-00001-CV (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 2021, no pet.)

In re Reimers Family Ltd. P'ship, No. 03-20-00551-CV (Tex. App.—Austin 2021, pet. denied)

In re Permian Highway Pipeline LLC, No. 13-20-00483-CV (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 2020, no pet.)

City of Houston v. Commons at Lake Houston, Ltd., 587 S.W.3d 494 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2019, no pet.)

In re State, No. 14-18-00773-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] Oct. 18, 2018)

In re San Jacinto River Auth., No. 14-18-00544-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] Aug. 23, 2018)

In re Vaught Invs., Ltd., No. 09-17-00347-CV (Tex. App.—Beaumont Sep. 21, 2017)

In re Adams, LLC, No. 09-16-00290-CV (Tex. App.—Beaumont 2016)

City of Beaumont v. Target Corp., No. 09-16-00256-CV, 2016 Tex. App. LEXIS 9360 (Tex. App.—Beaumont Aug. 25, 2016)

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City of Corpus Christi v. Scorpio Development, LLC, 2014 WL 1007880 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi—Edinburg 2014, no pet.)

PR Investments and Specialty Retailers, Inc. v. State, 251 S.W.3d 472 (Tex. 2008)

Eye Plus Vision, Inc. v. CBH Tract III, L.P., 2007 WL 3293732 (Tex. App.—Houston (1st Dist.) 2007)

State v. Beeson, 232 S.W.3d 265 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2007)

Motiva Enterprises, LLC v. McCrabb, 248 S.W.3d 211 (Tex. App.—Houston (1st Dist.) 2007, pet. denied)

State v. Target Corp., 194 S.W.3d 46 (Tex. App.—Waco 2006, pet. denied)

Harris County v. Inter Nos, Ltd., 199 S.W.3d 363 (Tex. App.—Houston (1st Dist.) 2006)

CenterPoint Energy Houston Elec., L.L.P. v. Old TJC Co., 177 S.W.3d 425 (Tex. App.—Houston (1st Dist.) 2005)

City of Houston v. Van De Mark, 83 S.W.3d 864 (Tex. App.—Texarkana 2002)

State v. Northborough Center, Inc., 987 S.W.2d 187 (Tex. App.—Houston (14th Dist.) 1999)