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# “The Constitutionality of Taking Private Property to Preserve a Species or Habitat,” Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Litigation Conference 2026

January 22-24, 2026 Savannah, GA and online

Join [Kinnon Williams](#) and [Lindsey Folcik](#) at the American Law Institute's annual [Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Litigation conference](#). On Friday, January 23, Kinnon and Lindsey will present on "The Constitutionality of Taking Private Property to Preserve a Species or Habitat."

The use of eminent domain to preserve habitat or open space presents a modern stress test for the constitutional "public use" requirement. Unlike condemnations for roads, utilities or public buildings, takings for habitat or open space involve intentionally removing land and productive use, often restricting or eliminating public use. This presentation will examine:

- The judicial evolution process of "public use," and
- How recent cases illuminate both the expanding possibilities and unresolved limits of conservation-based takings, with a primary focus on recent Washington state experience

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