



## CHARLES S. STRATTON

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Charles S. Stratton is a partner of the firm's Dispute Resolution Team and Eminent Domain practice group, based in Tallahassee.

Since entering private practice in 1986, Charles has been involved in hundreds of eminent domain cases throughout the state. He has tried dozens of jury trials and appeals, from one end of Florida to the other. He is a Florida Supreme Court-certified mediator. He strives to resolve his clients' cases as favorably and swiftly as possible and as his clients direct, whether this means using mediation or facing down condemners in court.

Charles has been able to stop condemning authorities from taking property, giving him leverage to negotiate better terms for his clients or to delay takings to provide clients more time to prepare. He has represented numerous national and regional businesses affected by eminent domain, including hotels, restaurants, gas stations, and car lots. He also represents many small business owners, individual homeowners, churches, and owners of vacant property.

Prior to entering private practice, Charles worked for the Florida Department of Transportation. His experience there gave him the opportunity to handle thousands of eminent domain cases across the state. He started as a

trial attorney for the Department and was soon promoted, supervising other eminent domain attorneys in two of the Department's seven regional districts. In only a few years, he became the Department's Chief Eminent Domain Attorney for the state.

## **Education**

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J.D., University of Florida, Levin College of Law  
B.S.Ed., University of Miami

## **Bar Admissions**

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Florida  
Washington, D.C.

## **Practice Teams**

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Dispute Resolution

## **Practice Areas**

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Eminent Domain & Condemnation