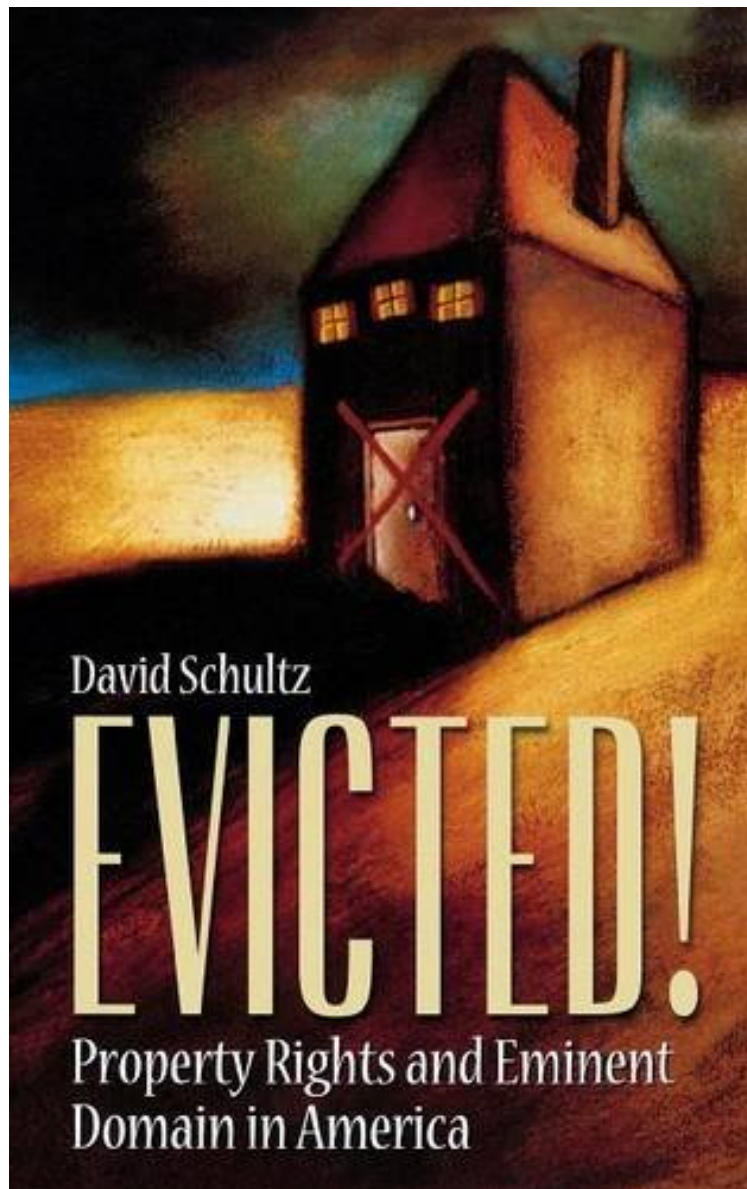


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"Schultz provides a broad, historical, philosophical, legal, and policy overview of the issue of eminent domain. This treatment is accessible to a general audience, including undergraduates, and will be of use to its intended audience as well as academics looking to quickly get up to speed on the foundational and current issues surrounding eminent domain post-Kelo." - The Law and Politics Book

"Life, liberty, and the pursuit of property? So it is, claims David Schultz in a lucid and compelling account of the government's exercise of eminent domain in a growing number of cases in America. Schultz documents how large corporations and wealthy interests team up with local government officials to secure property for development that is arguably not in the public interest. This book is must reading for ordinary people and those trained in law. 'David Schultz outlines the vital contours of a most important and controversial subject—the right of the government to take property in the name of the public interest. Alas, not all is well in his accounting of this subject as too often eminent domain is an exercise in thuggery with government and business ganging up on the poor and defenseless to advance private interests and damage local democracy. This book is for all who own property and want to protect themselves from abuse. It is equally compelling reading for those who believe that a healthy democracy requires fairness and transparency in governance. 'David Schultz takes the reader on a journey into the use and abuse of the taking of property by eminent domain proceedings. The journey does not require the reader to be trained in law. Rather, it is quite layman friendly. It is a lucid and carefully crafted examination of a vital public policy and practice—property rights and eminent domain in America.'" (Donald C. Menzel, 2005-06 President, American Society for Public Administration President, Ethics Management International)"

"As one of the few public voices trying to explain the public benefit of using the power of eminent domain following the Supreme Court's decision in Kelo v. City of New London, I have witnessed and experienced an overwhelming emotional tsunami. Reflective discussion was impossible with the public's demands for action and individual legislators reacting without examining the actual court decision, an example of ready, fire, aim public policy. Evicted! Property Rights and Eminent Domain in America by David Schultz, provides the reasoned, reflective examination critical to understanding this complex Constitutional and public policy issue of Eminent Domain. It moves well beyond sound bites and emotions. While I would take issue with some of his conclusions, Schultz has done a great public service in laying out the legal history of eminent domain, critically examining the arguments of the opponents, explaining both the substantive and human elements that produced the profound emotional tsunami, and offering up reasoned public policy recommendations.'" (Don Borut, Executive Director, National League of Cities)