



September Case Law Update September 21, 2007

Wisconsin Supreme Court

No planning related cases to report.

Wisconsin Court of Appeals published opinions

Eminent Domain

In [*C. Coakley Relocation Systems, Inc., v. City of Milwaukee*](#), the Wisconsin Court of Appeals upheld the trial court's decision that Coakley's claims for relocation benefits and other damages resulting from the City's taking of a parking lot were barred by Wis. Stat. § 32.20 because they were not filed within two years of when the City took physical possession of the entire property. Coakley had argued the two year statute of limitations for filing such claims should not apply because the City had acknowledged it was obligated to provide certain relocation benefits and the City was involved in negotiations with Coakley over those benefits. The Court of Appeals refused to find an exception to the need to formally file such claims within the two year period even though the parties are involved in good faith negotiations on the issue.

The case is recommended for publication.