



## **Legislative Update: July 23, 2007**

### **Eminent Domain**

### **Ohio Senate Bill 7**

The Ohio Senate recently passed Senate Bill 7 pertaining to eminent domain. The compromise bill establishes that seventy percent of parcels in a given area must be declared “blighted” to utilize eminent domain for redevelopment. Blighted under S.B. 7 means an area that would “substantially impair or arrest the sound growth of the state or a political subdivision of the state, retard the provision of housing accommodations, constitute an economic or social liability, or are a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare in their present condition and use.” The bill, signed by Governor Strickland, will become law in three months.