



OVERVIEW

Georgia is one of a handful of states with no reported instances of using eminent domain for private parties between 1998 and 2002. During that same time, Atlanta especially has seen significant growth in population and development.¹⁷⁴ The State's success without eminent domain shows that growth does not require taking property from one person to give it to another. Although Georgia has refrained from using eminent domain for private use, it has been the victim of it. One county in South Carolina is condemning property owned by the Georgia Department of Transportation.¹⁷⁵ This case is discussed in the South Carolina section of this report.

¹⁷⁴ Carter City Overviews: Atlanta (Carter World Wide Real Estate Services, 3d Quarter 2002).

¹⁷⁵ Tony Bartelme, "Judge Boosts Jasper County Terminal Plan," *The Post and Courier (Charleston, SC)*, April 4, 2002, at 1A.

