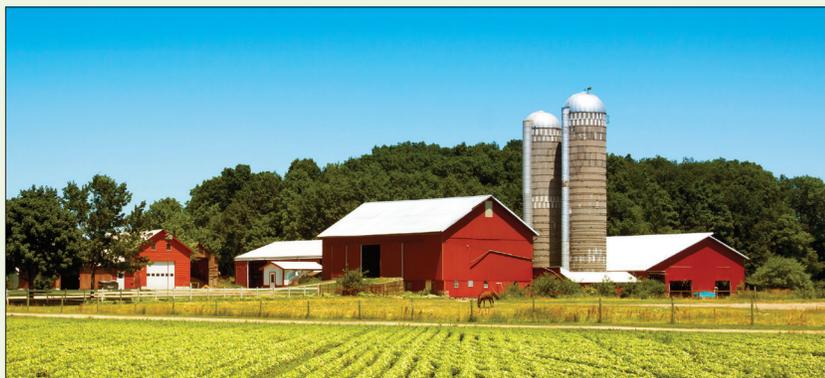


Can That Easement Stand?



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Our Client

Ken Detterman comes from a long line of farmers. His 110-acre farm has been in his family since 1836, when his great-great-grandfather bought it.

The Threat

Sunoco Logistics has a pipeline they needed to route across the Detterman land. Ironically, Detterman's grandfather also dealt with a pipeline and signed an easement agreement back in 1942. And while no product has been pumped through that old line in more than a decade, Sunoco Logistics still claimed the 1942 easement was valid along with the provisions that went with it.

“My grandfather got a grand total of around \$50 for that easement,” Ken Detterman explained. “I can't believe any court in the country would uphold that judgment all these years later.”

How We Helped

Eminent domain attorneys Goldman & Braunstein met with Detterman and other landowners facing the same situation. But unlike other attorneys who wanted to charge the landowners per hour, Goldman & Braunstein work on a contingency basis. Detterman would owe them nothing unless they could negotiate a better settlement.

The Results

Goldman & Braunstein hammered out a new easement agreement.

- The new pipeline will follow the same route as the old one, but the compensation is greater than the initial offer
- Safeguards are now in place.

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