“Condemning Trademarks”

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Professor Halabi explores what a condemnation proceeding for trademarks might look like (that is, in the same way that the government can take your land to build a road, the paper is about "taking" your trademark for a public purpose). In a world where both domestic and international law are giving trademarks increasingly property-like (as opposed to speech-like) protections and trademarks are increasingly inviting regulation (e.g. trademarks associated with processed food, alcohol, tobacco, pharmaceuticals), it seems plausible that we will need some sort of framework for evaluating the value of a trademark “taken” by regulation. Professor Halabi provides one stab at that framework.

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