

## ABSTRACT

### UNWRITTEN TITLE TRANSFERS

There are several ways to obtain good title to property through unwritten means. The principal methods include hostile takings by adverse possession, acquiring property through agreement by acquiescence or parol, taking property by deceit through estoppel, and public takings called eminent domain. The success of obtaining good title in Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky using these methods was researched. It was found that unwritten title transfers are an effective method for correcting problems within written documents. It is also effective in the three states for adverse land occupation and in the taking of land for public projects. With limited statutes in Ohio and comprehensive statutes in Indiana and Kentucky, it can be shown that with the proper evidence and a familiarity with the common law in each state, the success rate for obtaining good title by unwritten means is better in Indiana and Kentucky than Ohio due to the clear requirements.

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