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"AMERICA AND THE COURTS" EXAMINES LANDMARK CASE ON PROPERTY RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION --Meet the Principals in Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council--

Washington, D.C., March 5, 1992 -- C-SPAN looks at the people and issues in the landmark case <u>Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council</u> which the U.S. Supreme Court will decide this term.

On Saturday March 7, at 7:00 PM (ET) "America and the Courts" will air interviews with landowner and plaintiff David Lucas; Coastal Council director and defendant Wayne Dean; and plaintiff's counsel Camden Lewis.

In 1986, David H. Lucas paid almost \$1 million for two oceanfront lots to build a summer house on an island off the coast of Charleston, South Carolina. Two years later, the state passed a shoreline protection law that prohibited Mr. Lucas from developing his property. Mr. Lucas argues that the land was "taken" from him, citing a Fifth Amendment clause that provides "nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

If the U.S. Supreme Court rules in favor of the plaintiff, environmental regulation of private lands could be severely limited in the future.

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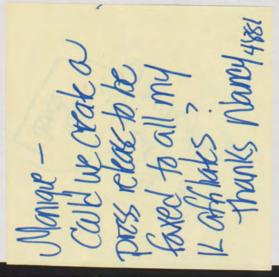
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