

The Property Dispute From Cuba – How One Company Is Fighting Back

What happens when a US national company has property in another country that is then confiscated by the government of said country? While that may sound like the beginning of an interesting movie, the fact is that the team at Blue Seven Content is helping a client in this situation. In a case surrounded by history and active politics, Havana Docks is working to seek justice.

What is happening in this case?

The case (*Havana Docks Corporation v Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, LTD.*) has its roots in the early 1900s. Havana Docks (represented by Blue Seven Content) claims they are “the rightful owner of an interest in and claim to certain commercial waterfront real property in the Port of Havana, Cuba.”

The complaint states that Havana Docks owned the property continuously from 1917 until it was confiscated by the Cuban government in 1960. The property has never been returned back to the plaintiff and that Havana Docks has never received “adequate or effective” compensation for the property.

To be sure, this is not something that the plaintiffs have made up in order to get waterfront property. The plaintiff’s claim to the property in question has been certified by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (the “FCSC”) pursuant to the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, 22 U.S.C. § 1621.

Importantly, the claim says that the terms of concession granted to the Cuban government were supposed to expire in 2004.

In 1996, Congress passed the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act (LIBERTAD Act), which is also referred to as the Helms-Burton Act. In part, this law was meant to protect US nationals against “confiscatory takings and wrongful trafficking in property confiscated by the Castro regime.”

Havana Docks filed a claim under this Act against several different companies, including Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, LTD., for illegal trafficking of their property under the LIBERTAD Act.

This case delves into complicated national and international law, and the nationally-recognized firm at Colson Hicks Eidson is ready to stand by their client, Havana Docks, throughout this entire process. As was stated in the lawsuit filed for this case, since Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba in 1959, the country has been characterized by “communist tyranny and economic mismanagement,” to the detriment of many US national entities. The LIBERTAD Act sought to right many of these injustices, and we are well past the time for justice to be served to those who had their property stolen.

This case is ongoing, and the outcome will effectively steer future similar actions brought under the LIBERTAD Act.

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