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No Shortcuts to Ownership

Supreme Court Nixes Title Claim Based on Old, Unregistered Sale Agreement

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The Supreme Court has drawn a hard line on property titles: if the original sale agreement isn't registered, no amount of later paperwork can magically create ownership. In a case involving a 1982 sale agreement that never saw the light of the registration office, the respondent tried to assert ownership decades later, pointing to a 2006 "validation" of that unregistered document by the Assistant Registrar. The person also leaned on...

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