

**April 13 – Land Use – L13**  
**Impact Fees**

**SPEAKERS' BIOS**

**Jim Nicholas**

**Julian Juergensmeyer**

**Chris Nelson** - Dr. Arthur C. Nelson, FAICP, is Professor of Planning and Real Estate Development, and Associate Dean for Research, in the College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture at the University of Arizona. He has authored, co-authored or edited eight books on impact fees plus numerous articles on impact fees published in legal, professional and scholarly journals. Dr. Nelson's impact fee research has been sponsored by such organizations as the Urban Land Institute, HUD and numerous foundations. He was a co-author of the Georgia impact fee enabling act which is viewed by some as a model of balance between development and local government interests. He has also helped prepare more than 100 impact fees across the nation and has appeared as an expert witness in several impact fee cases. Dr. Nelson's current work is in refining zone-based impact fee methods for local governments to make impact fees more sensitive to differences in costs based on location, timing and land-use configuration.

**Dwight H. Merriam** founded Robinson & Cole's Land Use Group in 1978. He represents land owners, developers, governments and individuals in land use matters. Dwight is a Fellow and Past President and of the American Institute of Certified Planners, a former Director of the American Planning Association, a former chair of APA's Planning and Law Division, and a former chair of the American Bar Association's national Section of State and Local Government Law. He teaches land use law at the University of Connecticut School of Law and at the Vermont Law School and has published over 200 articles and nine books and including *Inclusionary Zoning Moves Downtown*, *The Takings Issue*, *The Complete Guide to Zoning*, and *Eminent Domain Use and Abuse: Kelo in Context*.

**Daniel R. Mandelker** is a leading scholar and teacher in land use law, environmental law, and state and local government law. He was the principal consultant and contributor to the American Planning Association's model planning and zoning legislation project. He was also the principal consultant to a joint American Bar Association committee that prepared a model law for land use procedures that was adopted by the ABA House of Delegates. He recently published a book on designed planned communities and a handbook on free speech law for on premise signs. Additionally, he received the ABA's State and Local Government Section Daniel J. Curtin Lifetime Achievement Award.