

**March 9 – Land Use – L12**  
**Reengineering Our Tired Downtowns**

**SPEAKER BIOS**

**Victor Dover** of Dover, Kohl, and Partners serves as principal-in-charge for many of the firm's design and planning projects. He has led more than 100 charrettes. Victor lectures widely around the nation on the topics of livable communities and sustainable development, and was national chair of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) from 2010 to 2012. He recently coauthored the highly anticipated book *Street Design: The Secret to Great Cities and Towns*.

**Mark White** is a founding partner of White & Smith, LLC. Mr. White is an attorney and urban planner whose practice has emphasized drafting zoning, subdivision and land development codes for over 25 years. He has completed over 150 development code updates, zoning regulations, and comprehensive plan or smart growth implementation projects for local governments in 36 states. Representative clients include Cincinnati, Ohio; San Antonio, Texas; Frederick, Maryland; and Los Angeles, California. He has published over 22 books and articles on planning issues, including the American Planning Association's model land development code. He is a member of the North Carolina and Missouri Bars, the American Institute of Certified Planners, and the American Planning Association, and an adjunct professor of urban planning at the University of Kansas. Mr. White holds a Juris Doctor and Master of Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**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.