

**May 11 – Land Use – L14**  
**Variances, Conditional Uses, and Site Plan Review**

**SPEAKER BIOS**

**Nancy E. Stroud**, AICP, JD is partner in the law firm Lewis, Stroud & Deutsch, in Boca Raton. She focuses on planning and growth management law. Among her award-winning work is as the legal counsel to the team that created form based codes and plans for Miami 21 (2010 APA Florida Award and 2011 national APA Award) and legal counsel for the St. Lucie County Towns, Villages and Countryside plan and regulations (2006 APA Florida award). Ms. Stroud is a member of the American Planning Association Amicus Curiae Committee. She regularly lectures and publishes on land use topics for lawyers and planners, and is co-author of the LEXIS/NEXIS land use treatise Planning and Control of Land Development: Cases and Materials, one of the leading land use textbooks for law students.

**David Owens** joined the Institute of Government in 1989. Prior to that, he was an attorney and senior planner for the Wisconsin State Planning Office and spent 10 years with the NC Division of Coastal Management. His publications include numerous books and articles on zoning law, including the basic legal reference, *Land Use Law in North Carolina*, and the widely used guide for citizen boards, *Introduction to Zoning*. He has also written on the a variety of land use law topics (variances, special use permits, extraterritorial jurisdiction), the scope of local government authority, urban growth management, regulation of religious land uses and adult businesses, conflicts of interest, planning legislation, and various aspects of coastal management law and policy. Owens received a graduate planning degree and law degree 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.