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Agricultural Land Preservation

SPEAKERS:

John Keller, FAICP is Professor of Regional and Community Planning in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional and Community Planning at Kansas State University. His teaching and research specialties include rural land use planning and development, small town comprehensive planning and economic development in non-metropolitan areas.

In addition to teaching and academic research, Keller serves as a practitioner and consultant in small town planning and economic development for communities in the Great Plains area. For the past 15 years he has also been associated with ongoing projects in Australia and New Zealand related to rural economic development, land use and local leadership.

Keller’s current work focuses on local and regional economic development in rural areas for housing, transportation, infrastructure needs, and travel behavior of workers and consumers using survey data generated from local residents. This data is used to prepare local strategic and comprehensive plans to guide communities in their decision making about investments in capital projects and facilities.

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 Quinnipiac University 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. He is the co-editor of Rathkopf’s The Law of Zoning and Planning and a co-author of the leading casebook in the field, Planning and Control of Land Development.

Daniel R. Mandelker, Stamper Professor of Law, Washington University in Saint Louis, 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 handbook on free speech law for on premise signs, a coauthored fourth edition of his APA report on Street Graphics and the Law, and a coauthored new edition of his law school casebook in State and Local Government. Additionally, he received the ABA’s State and Local Government Section Daniel J. Curtin Lifetime Achievement Award.