

## November 14 – Land Use – L10

### SPEAKER BIOS

**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.

**Sorell E. Negro** is a lawyer with Robinson & Cole LLP in Miami, FL, where she practices land use and environmental law. She provides guidance to clients on a variety of land use issues on state and local matters as well as federal and international cases, including zoning, permitting and development, smart growth initiatives, coastal development, property rights, and impacts of proposed land use regulations and recently enacted legislation. Prior to joining Robinson & Cole, Ms. Negro clerked for the Honorable Fernando M. Olguin of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. She received her J.D. from Cornell Law School and B.S. from Georgetown University. She frequently writes on cutting-edge land use topics including urban agriculture, adapting to sea level rise, and regulating impacts of fracking, and she regularly presents on such topics. Along with Martha H. Chumbler and Lawrence E. Bechler, Ms. Negro co-edited *Urban Agriculture: Policy, Law, Strategy, and Implementation* (ABA 2015).

**Martha ("Marti") Harrell Chumbler** is a lawyer with the Carlton Fields law firm in its Tallahassee, Florida, office. Marti has practiced in the area of state and local government law for more than thirty-five years. Her practice includes land use regulation and litigation, state

and local tax disputes, Florida open government law, public procurement, and general administrative litigation. Marti is active in the ABA State and Local Government Law Section, where she currently serves as the Section's secretary. She is certified by The Florida Bar in the area of state and federal government and administrative practice and serves on the certification committee for that practice area. Marti received her BA from Vanderbilt University, magna cum laude, and her law degree from Florida State University, with honors. Prior to joining Carlton Fields, Marti clerked for the Hon. Arthur England of the Florida Supreme Court, following which she was a program attorney for the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, first for the groundwater and potable water programs and then for the air quality program. Marti served as a co-editor and authored two chapters in the ABA publication *Urban Agriculture: Policy, Law, Strategy, and Implementation* (2015). She served as the moderator for the panel *Turning Ugly Ducklings Into Swans: Converting Vacant Municipal Properties Into Urban Gardens and Farms* in Philadelphia in 2015, participated as a panelist for the ABA Real Property Section's webinar on urban agriculture in 2015, and, in 2016, served on a panel on urban agriculture at the Florida Chamber of Commerce Environmental Short Course.