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Taking the Disaster Out of Disaster Recovery

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.

James Schwab, FAICP, is the manager of APA’s Hazards Planning Center. He was the project manager for *Planning for Post-Disaster Recovery: Next Generation*. He was also project manager for PAS Report No. 560, *Hazard Mitigation: Integrating Best Practices into Planning*, released in May 2010, as well as *Planning for Drought* (No. 574) released in January 2014. He is currently leading three APA projects sponsored by FEMA, “Subdivision Design and Flood Hazard Areas”; the Planning Information Exchange webinar series; and “Innovations in Planning and Public Engagement for Community Resilience,” partnering with UC-San Diego, Placeways, and the National Charrette Institute. He is also the APA lead on a NOAA-funded project led by ASFPM, *Building Coastal Resilience through Capital Improvements Planning*.

He is APA’s lead representative in the NOAA Digital Coast Partnership and often represents APA in federal agency program development related to hazards. Jim has worked overseas in the Dominican Republic, Sri Lanka, and New Zealand (Visiting Fellowship in 2008 with the Centre for

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