

## February 22- Arbitration

### What to Expect in Arbitration

#### **SPEAKER:**

**James D. Stokes** is an attorney, mediator, arbitrator and special magistrate, with extensive experience in local government law. He began his legal career in California, working for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, before moving to Florida in 1998, where he has worked as both outside and in-house counsel to numerous governmental entities. Because of his expertise, he has been called upon to serve as a neutral hearing officer, adjudicating disputes in labor issues, zoning disputes, code compliance, and other governmental matters. He is certified as an Arbitrator by the American Arbitration Association, the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service, the National Mediation Board, and the Florida Supreme Court. He is also Board Certified by The Florida Bar as a Specialist in both Labor & Employment Law, as well as in City, County & Local Government Law.