

## **Dwight H. Merriam**

Dwight H. Merriam, of Simsbury, Connecticut, has practiced law for 45 years. 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, a former chair of the American Bar Association's national Section of State and Local Government Law; the Connecticut member of Owners' Counsel of America, a former Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a member of the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute National Advisory Board, a Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation, a Counselor of Real Estate, a member of the Association for Real Property and Infrastructure (formerly the Anglo-American Real Property Institute), and a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

Dwight is the former Chair of the Cooper's Fellows Program of the Connecticut Bar Foundation. He is President of Rivers Alliance of Connecticut and former Vice Chair of the board of the Connecticut Legal Rights Project, a legal aid organization serving clients with mental health disabilities.

He has taught land use law at the University of Memphis, the University of Bridgeport, Vermont Law School, the University of Connecticut School of Law, and add

Dwight has been cited in the national press from The New York Times to People magazine and HGTV magazine and has appeared on NBC's The Today Show, MSNBC and public television.

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Captain Merriam is a qualified Surface Warfare Officer and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his Vietnam service, the Navy "E" Ribbon for battle efficiency aboard FULTON, the