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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, 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 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 Anglo-American Real Property Institute, and a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

He teaches land use law at the University of Connecticut School of Law and at the Quinnipiac 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 lead author of the leading casebook in his field, *Planning and Control of Land Development*, and co-editor of the leading treatise in the field, Rathkopf's *The Law of Planning and Zoning* 4th.

Dwight has been named to the Connecticut [*Super Lawyers*](#) list in the area of Land Use Law since 2006, is one of the Top 50 Connecticut *Super Lawyers* in Connecticut 2014, one of the *Top 100 New England Super Lawyers* in 2014 (*Super Lawyers* is a registered trademark of Key Professional Media, Inc.), ranked in [*Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*](#) in Connecticut in the area of Real Estate, listed in [*The Best Lawyers in America*](#)® in the areas of Land Use & Zoning Law and Real Estate Law since 1991 and the areas of Litigation - Land Use & Zoning and Litigation - Real Estate for 2012 and 2013, and listed in [*The Best Lawyers in America*](#)® as Hartford Lawyer of the Year in the area of Litigation - Land Use & Zoning for 2013 and in the area of Land Use & Zoning Law for 2012.

He received his B.A (cum laude) from the University of Massachusetts, his Masters of Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina, where he was invited back as the graduation speaker in 2011, and his J.D. from Yale. He is a featured speaker at many land use seminars, and presents monthly audio land use seminars for the International Municipal Lawyers Association. Dwight has been cited in the national press from *The New York Times* to *People* magazine and has appeared on NBC's *The Today Show*, MSNBC and public television.

Dwight served for seven years on active duty in the Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer, including three tours in Vietnam, and 24 more years in the reserves, retiring as a Captain following his command of the reserve augmentation unit of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center.