**Administrative Law Section Website**

Hi Everyone! I am elated to begin this year as Chair of the Administrative Law Section and very much look forward to working with our organization and you all to further promote and continue to expand the visibility of the ALS. We are actively planning what promises to be another fun and exciting year for members.

Thanks to our CLE Committee co-chaired by Joaquin Alvarez and Doug Dolan, the Section will again sponsor a number of signature educational events such as the Third Annual DOAH Trial Academy in September and a monthly CLE at DOAH lead by our wonderful Administrative Law Judges.

Our Social and Events Committee will host social and charitable events for members and guests. The events will be advertised here and in our new Section Bulletin. We have recently expanded our reach to Central and South Florida and will be hosting events around the State.

Our Membership and Technology Committees have done a terrific job this past year keeping members engaged, increasing the Section’s presence on social media, and starting a monthly Section Bulletin containing information about upcoming events and spotlighting members.

Our Publications Committee oversees publication of our *Newsletter*, which provides Section news and excellent summaries of recent appellate and DOAH cases, and scholarly articles on administrative law topics that appear in *The Florida Bar Journal*.

Our State and Federal Government Administrative Practice Certification Committee led by Judge Gar Chisenhall has been extremely active in encouraging more members to become Board-certified. The Committee revised the content of the examination to place increased emphasis on Florida practice over federal practice. The Committee has gathered resources which are available here to help attorneys studying for the certification exam. Many thanks to Angela Morrison, Greg Morton, Meghan Silver and Judge Chisenhall for spearheading this project.

We owe special thanks to our immediate past-Chair, Stephen Emmanuel, for leading us last year; and to our officers for the upcoming year: Chair-Elect, Judge Suzanne Van Wyk; Secretary, Marc Ito.; and Treasurer Louise St. Laurent.

If this is the first time you have visited our website, I hope you will take a minute to explore it for information about our Section, upcoming events, recent publications, and useful links to administrative law and educational resources.

If you are not currently a member of the Section, I encourage you to apply. Section membership and involvement is a wonderful way to stay current with administrative law and expand your network of professional contacts throughout the state.

Whether you are an experienced administrative practitioner, or are new to administrative law, the Section needs your active participation, perhaps now more than ever. Please feel free to reach out to me or any member of the Executive Council if you would like to become more involved or have any suggestions for improving the Section. Names and contact information for officers and other members of the Section’s Executive Council are available throughout our site.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chair.