# The Bulletin

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# **Keep a Spring in Your Professional Step with the Administrative Law Section!**

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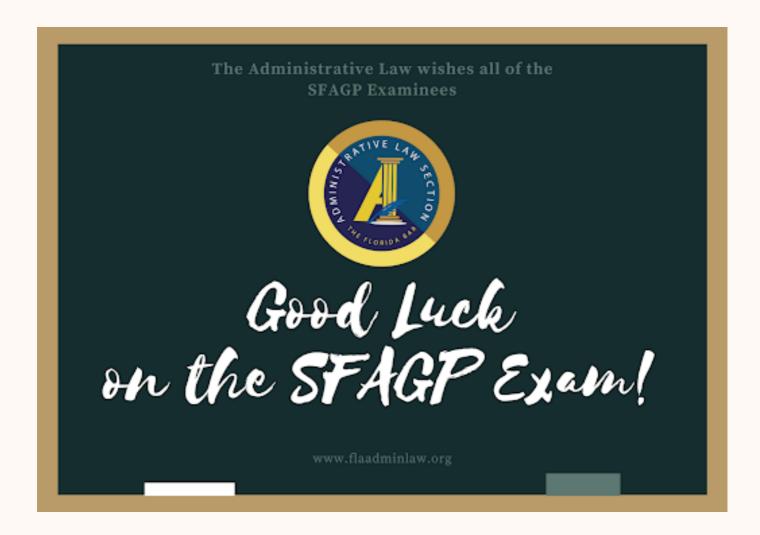
As we come to the end of Spring this year, you might be noticing new flowers blooming, baby birds chirping, and new fruits like blackberries and blueberries growing in abundance. Spring is known as a period of growth and vibrance, but that doesn't have to be limited to nature. You can also use this time to continue growing yourself professionally.

Are you taking opportunities to strengthen your professional skill set? Are you growing your professional network? Are you keeping yourself informed of the latest legal and legislative updates that affect your area of practice? The Section is working hard to provide its members with opportunities to do just that, such as the upcoming Pat Dore Conference, where you'll have an opportunity to learn from and network with Administrative Law practitioners. Take a moment to review the Section's upcoming events and registration information below. We hope to see you soon!

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Finally, for those of you taking the State & Federal Government & Administrative Practice exam for board certification this month, we wish you the best of luck! Congratulations in advance for all you have accomplished, and keep up the great work!



# DOAH Corner 2023 DOAH Trial Academy

The Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) is proud to announce the return of the DOAH Trial Academy in 2023. This week-long course is designed to provide participants with a simulated administrative hearing experience and equip them with practical litigation skills.

The 2023 DOAH Trial Academy will take place September 18-22, 2023, at DOAH's Tallahassee headquarters and is expected to draw a large group of eager learners. During the program, attendees will learn from experienced practitioners and administrative law judges who will cover topics such as evidence, depositions, examining witnesses, and more. Participants will be divided into teams and spend time in intensive workshops to learn and practice basic trial skills such as direct examination, cross-examination, and questioning expert witnesses.

The teams will then have the opportunity to apply their newly acquired skills in a series of mock hearings before live audiences. Awards will be given to participants selected for their outstanding performance in the week's activities.

Past attendees have praised the DOAH Trial Academy for its immersive and comprehensive approach to teaching litigation skills. DOAH is committed to building on this reputation and is dedicated to providing a valuable and enriching experience for all participants. Stay tuned for updates on registration and program details!

Apply to participate in the DOAH Trial Academy today! <a href="https://doah.state.fl.us/ALJ/TrialAcademy/2023/DTA%20Application%202023.">https://doah.state.fl.us/ALJ/TrialAcademy/2023/DTA%20Application%202023.</a>

# Regulatory Litigation 101

#### **ALS South Florida CLE Event**

The South Florida Chapter hosted a comprehensive CLE on April 13, 2023, at the Holland & Knight Miami office. The CLE, titled Florida Regulatory Litigation 101, featured presentations from Chief Judge Newman, Judges Sellers, Manko, and Silver, in addition to attorneys Sara Marken on education law (Miami-Dade County School Board), Paul Polito on environmental law (Lewis, Longman, and Walker), Daniel Hanlon on bid protests (Holland & Knight), and Johnny ElHachem on pari-mutuel wagering (Holland & Knight).



# **Upcoming Section Events**

Be sure to watch your emails and our social media for information, updates, and more about our Section Events!

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#### 2023 Pat Dore Conference

May 18-19, 2023

Hotel Duval, 415 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee.

Registration: https://member.floridabar.org/s/lt-event?id=a1RDm000000Tz13MAC#/Overview

- Happy Hour & Puppy Pit: May 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM at Proof, 1320 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee
- Central Florida Social Event (Tampa Bay Area): June 1, 2023, 5:30-7:30 PM, location TBA
- Central Florida Social Event (Tampa Bay Area): June 29, 2023, 5:30-7:30 PM, location TBA



# ALS Speed Networking Event

On February 28, 2023, the Administrative Law Section and the Florida Government Bar Association held a joint networking event at the Florida State University College of Law. The event provided the opportunity for government lawyers, private practitioners, and law students to interact with one another in a "speed networking" format. We thank Foley & Lardner LLP and Lexitas for sponsoring the event.



# ALS in the Community Happy Hour Benefitting The Kearney Center

On April 27, 2023, Tallahassee members braved the heavy rain and attended a happy hour that provided both the opportunity to network with other members and to raise money for The Kearney Center. The Kearney Center is a local organization that provides 24-hour comprehensive emergency services to individuals experiencing homelessness in the Big Bend Region. Despite the storm, members donated almost \$1,000 to The Kearney Center and were able to interact with Center staff and volunteers to learn more about the critical services the Center provides to the community. Thank you to Chair-Elect, Marc Ito and his firm, the Law Office of Marc Ito, for sponsoring the event.





# Member Spotlight ATTORNEY ALEXANDRA AKRE



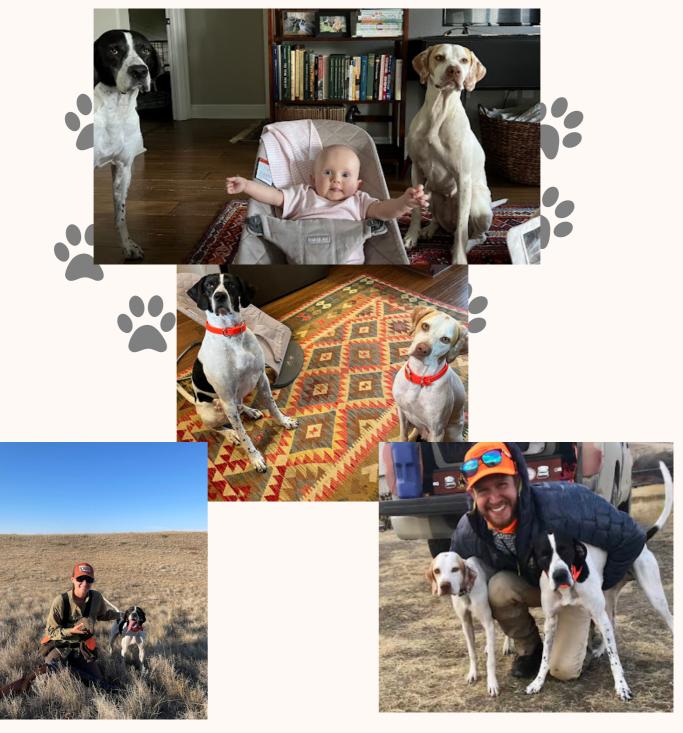
ALS Member 3 Pointer!

- 1. Where do you work? Ausley McMullen
- 2. What are your primary practice areas? Civil litigation, administrative law, appellate law
- 3. Why are you a part of the Administrative Law Section?? It provides great resources to administrative law practitioners.

# Pets of the Administrative Law Section

#### Hugo and Skye

Executive Council member Stefan Grow's canine companions, Hugo and Skye, are not your typical couch potato pups. They are often busy watching over baby Heidi and traveling across the country for upland bird hunting. Hugo and Skye have visited Montana, Minnesota, Kansas, and Georgia and enjoy hunting grouse, pheasant, woodcock, partridge, and quail.



\*Hugo and Skye are pictured with Stefan, his wife, Tina, and his daughter, Heidi.

# Special Friends of the Administrative Law Section

Although not pets, these baby birds have grown up quickly in a nest at Brittany Griffith's house.

They're almost ready to take on the world!





## **ALS Honors**

# MEMORIAL DAY Remember and Honor



# Recipe of the Month

Meatless Monday: Tofu Tacos



## **Ingredients**

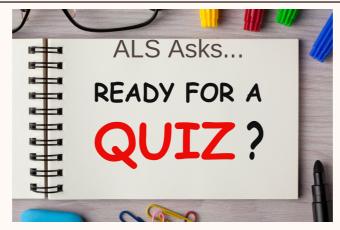
- 1 14 oz extra firm tofu block
- 3 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup tomato sauce
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 pinch cayenne

#### **Directions:**

- Preheat your oven to 400° F
- Drain the tofu from the container and pat the tofu dry with a clean dish towel
- Place the tofu in a large bowl and break the tofu into crumbles using your fingers.
- Add the soy sauce, tomato sauce, chili powder, garlic powder, black pepper, cumin, and cayenne. Stir the tofu and ingredients until well-combined.
- Transfer the tofu to a baking sheet, trying to spread out the crumbles as much as possible.
- Bake the tofu for 20-25 minutes, stirring halfway through, until golden brown and slightly crispy.
- Fill a tortilla, taco shell, or top on a salad and add your favorite taco toppings.

Recipe courtesy of Tasty

 $\underline{\texttt{https://www.cookingonthefrontburners.com/sweet-potato-rounds-goat-cheese-honey-appetizer/?crlt.pid=camp.9tC7pav3X2iI}$ 



Answers on the last page!

#### 1. Which state of Florida agency oversees the contractual compliance of private prisons?

- A. Department of Corrections
  - B. Department of State
- C. Department of Transportation
- D. Department of Management Services

#### 2. How long is a regular session of the Florida Legislature?

- A. 90 days
- B. 60 days
- C. 45 days
- D. 30 days

# 3. How long before a public meeting, hearing, or workshop must a notice be published in the Florida Administrative Register?

- A. 1 day
- B. 3 days
- C. 5 days
- D. 7 days

# 4. How does a bill by the Florida Legislature become law after it is presented to the Governor?

- A. It is signed by the Governor.
- B. It is not vetoed within 7 consecutive days of presentment to the Governor.
- C. It is vetoed by the Governor but the veto is overridden with a two-thirds vote of the Legislature.
  - D. All of the above.

#### 5. When is an agency's annual regulatory plan due each year?

- A. October 1
- B. November 1
- C. December 31
  - D. January 1

# **Ride with Judge Kilbride**

The summer is here, and mountain bikers, like others, look for more cooler and shaded trails to ride. Not a bad idea when the temperature and humidity can reach incredibly high levels. But for those who love to ride year-round, it is easy enough to take a few precautions, along with some extra water and snacks. Keeping hydrated and maintaining a high level of energy are essential if you want to enjoy a safe ride in the summer heat and humidity of Tallahassee.

There are over a hundred miles of biking trails in Tallahassee, and most are in shaded, heavily wooded areas. As a result, there are many "cooler" trails to choose from. The smart mountain biker or hiker will look for these types of trails, searching for those with drinking fountains near or along the trail. Another good idea is to stay on more popular trails that are frequented by other bikers or hikers in case you have an emergency and need assistance with heat-related problems. There are several trails that meet these conditions. Let's take a quick look at a few.

#### Tom Brown Park

Probably the most popular urban mountain biking trail in the area, TB offers a great network of heavily shaded trails with water outlets at several locations along the Magnolia, Cadillac, Loblolly, and Longleaf Trails. Definitely, a cooler choice for Summer riding!

#### Miccosukee Greenway Trail

For some, a notable attraction to this trail system, running north all the way from the Fleischman Road parking lot to Crump Road, is that it offers several long sections of shaded and graveled multi-use trails. This makes navigation for bikes and walkers more leisurely. This trail also offers water outlets and bathrooms/port-o-lets at several locations on the trails. What I enjoy is that an adventurous mountain biker can venture off the main graveled trail and run significant distances on several connecting single-track trails through the dense woods. This is a very nice feature but may require input from other bikers who know their way around these unmarked trails.

#### Lake Overstreet Trail

This trail goes by different names (Ravine Trail or Silk/Cambodia Trail), depending on whom you talk to, but it starts immediately across from Forest Meadows Racquet Club on Meridian Road. It is well-shaded, well-traveled by others, and has water in the parking area next to the trailhead. You also have the option to ride behind the racquet club on the shaded Redbug Trail, but that trail is more strenuous, rooty, and tighter than the Lake Overstreet system of trails.

No matter what shaded trails you choose this summer, be aware of your need to stay hydrated and avoid remote areas where finding help or medical aid can be a challenge. This can be avoided by riding with a companion. Remember, it's not always the intense sun that's the problem - high humidity can also wear out a biker or hiker very quickly.

So get out this summer and have some fun by yourself, with a friend, or with the family.

Quit talking about it, and just do it!

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Are you interested in sharing your hobbies, favorite recipes, life updates, or other information with other Administrative Law Section members? The Bulletin team would love to share your content. Submissions welcomed to Maria McCorkle, mvpmccorkle@qmail.com.

#### **Pop Quiz Answers**

- 1. D [Chapter 957, F.S.]
- 2. B [Article III, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution]
- 3. D [Section 120.525(1), F.S.]
- 4. D [Article III, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution]
- 5. A [Section 120.74(1), F.S.]

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