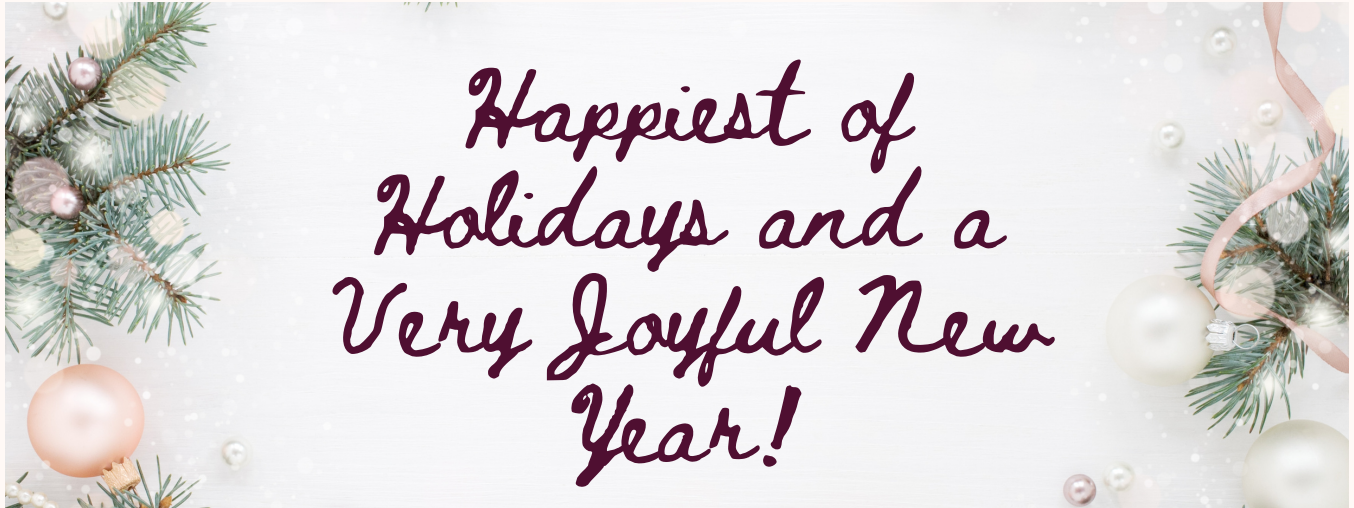


# *The Bulletin*

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## *What's New*

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FESTIVE PETS!

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SEASONAL RECIPE

## *A Message from the Bulletin Team*

On behalf of the Administrative Law Section's Bulletin Team, we wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Section events and CLEs. Please see below for announcements and information from the Section along with some festive pet photos.



2024  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

# Tallahassee Events



January 30 at 5:30 PM, Miller's Ale House  
Charity Bingo Night for the Guardian Ad Litem  
Foundation - Second Circuit. Thank you to our  
sponsors, Panza Maurer and Lexitas!



**CHARITY**  
**B I N G O**  
**NIGHT**

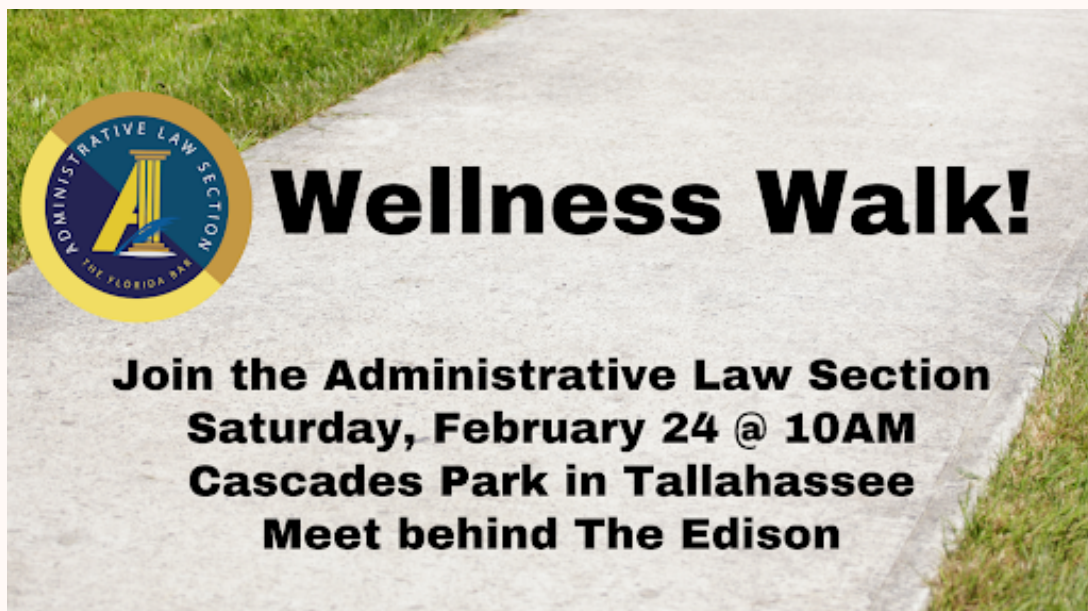
**Miller's Ale House, Tallahassee**  
**January 30, 2024 at 5:30 PM**  
**5 Games, \$5/Card**


*Benefiting*  
 **GALF2**  
GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOUNDATION  
SECOND CIRCUIT

*Thank You*  
 **LEXITAS™**  
**PANZAMAURER**  
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW



February 24 at 10:00 AM, Cascades Park  
Wellness Walk (meet behind the Edison)



 **Wellness Walk!**

**Join the Administrative Law Section**  
**Saturday, February 24 @ 10AM**  
**Cascades Park in Tallahassee**  
**Meet behind The Edison**

## Upcoming Events



March 28 at 5:30 PM, Miller's Ale House  
March Madness Sweet 16 Happy Hour.  
Thank you to our sponsor, Lexitas!



## Miami Events

Planning in progress-  
Stay turned for updates!



**COMING  
SOON**

# Tampa Events

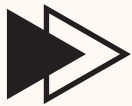


January 28 at 8:00 AM

Post-Gasparilla Bead Cleanup

In concert with Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful and  
the Environmental & Land Use Section of The  
Florida Bar.

Planning to attend? **RSVP** by emailing  
[adrienne.vining@swfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:adrienne.vining@swfwmd.state.fl.us) by January  
19.



Happy Hour Series at Wine & Wood

Thank you to our sponsors, Manson Bolves  
Donaldson Tanner!

- February 15
- March 21
- April 18







## DOAH Corner

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# Congratulations!



**Please join the ALS in  
congratulating Administrative  
Law Judge Darren A. Schwartz,  
the new Acting Chief Judge of  
DOAH!**

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## 2023 DOAH Trial Academy

The 2023 DOAH Trial Academy, an Administrative Law Section CLE program, was held September 18 through 22, 2023. This year, over 50 lawyers participated in the program. They came from various backgrounds, including workers' compensation attorneys, and many up-and-coming administrative law practitioners from the public and private sectors. The Trial Academy is offered at no cost thanks to generous support from the Administrative Law Section. Lawyers who complete the program earn up to 50 hours of CLE credit.

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This year, the program operated twenty-one separate mock hearings, guaranteeing that each attendee could participate in at least four separate mock hearings. At the beginning of the week, attendees were divided into teams of five to six. Three coaches were assigned to each team. The teams spent Monday and Tuesday learning the fundamentals of administrative litigation and then put their skills to the test in a series of mock hearings held from Wednesday through Thursday.

"The attorneys came out of the academy practicing like experienced trial lawyers," according to Megan Silver, Administrative Law Judge at DOAH. "I could not believe how fast the lawyers improved as the week progressed." Judge Silver also praised the numerous volunteers who made the program possible. "We had three volunteers for every one attendee. Many of our volunteers were past Trial Academy graduates. We could not have done it without their help."

During the last hearing of the week, a representative selected by each team participated in a final mock hearing witnessed by all attendees. The attendees then voted for the best representative in three specific categories. The recipients of the awards were: Marshawn Griffin for "Best Direct Examination," Ian Waldick for "Best Cross Examination," and Benny Ortiz for "Best Opening Statement." "The final mock hearing was the best performance we have seen at the Trial Academy," Chief Judge Brian Newman said. "I credit our volunteers and the talented young lawyers who attended the program this year for the success this year."

At the Administrative Law Section's happy hour event at the end of the Trial Academy, there was already anticipation for next year's program. Judge Silver notes that a number of agency general counsels with whom she spoke hope to send more lawyers to attend in future years. "Agencies and law firms are eager to send their attorneys to the academy," Judge Silver said. "Whether they are brand new to administrative practice or already have a number of hearings under their belt, attorneys are able to develop their skills and take a lot away from the experience."

Expect to see the Trial Academy come back again next year. "Each year, we find ways to improve the program. This was our fourth Trial Academy and no doubt the best on yet. We are looking forward to the fifth program next year," Chief Judge Newman tells us.

*If you are interested in attending next year's DOAH Trial Academy please send your name and email address to Megan S. Silver at [megan.silver@doah.state.fl.us](mailto:megan.silver@doah.state.fl.us) so you can be added to an update list.*





# ALS Critter Corner

*Celebrating the HOWL-idays!*



## Lucy & Shrimp

Waiting for Santa Paws!  
(Courtesy of Judge Silver)

## George

On the first day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me, a  
George under a Christmas  
tree!  
(Courtesy of Ben Grossman)





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## Auty

Plotting the takedown of the  
Christmas tree.  
(Courtesy of Mallory  
Neumann)

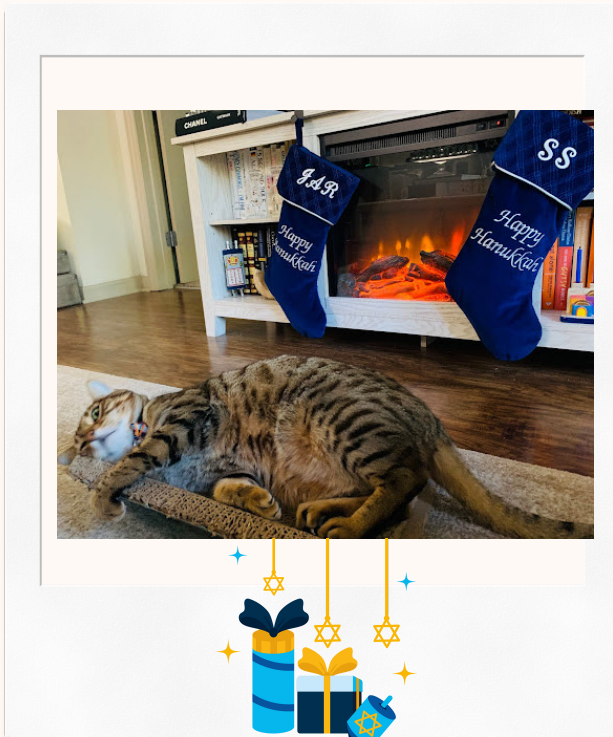


## Icee

Cozying up for Chrismukkah  
(Courtesy of Mallory  
Neumann)

# ALS Critter Corner

*Celebrating the HOWL-idays!*



## Benzy

Enjoying one of his eight crazy nights!

(Courtesy of Shirley Sharon)

## Orange Cat

Meowy Christmas!

(Courtesy of Maria McCorkle and not Orange Cat, who was not thrilled about a holiday photo shoot that was then enhanced with AI.)

Editor's Note: Orange Cat was named when Maria's daughter was three.)





# *Recipe of the Season* **Rustic Tart**



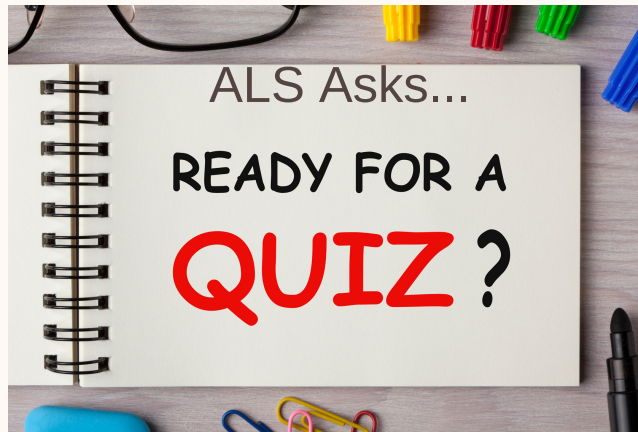
TOTAL TIME PREP: 30 MIN. BAKE: 35 MIN.  
MAKES 2 TARTS (8 SERVINGS EACH)

## Ingredients

- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 1/8-inch slices
- 1 medium acorn squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 1/8-inch slices
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup ground pecans
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 package (17.3 ounces) frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter

1. In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine squash and water. Cover and microwave on high for 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain; return to bowl. In a small bowl, combine oil, thyme, parsley, salt and pepper; drizzle onto squash and toss to coat. In another small bowl, combine the flour, pecans, sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon; set aside.
2. Unfold pastry sheets on a lightly floured surface. Roll each pastry to 1/8-in. thickness; transfer each to an ungreased baking sheet. Sprinkle with pecan mixture. Arrange squash slices to within 1-1/2 in. of edges, alternating slices of butternut and acorn squash.
3. Fold up edges of pastry over filling, leaving centers uncovered. Brush pastry with egg. Dot squash with butter. Bake at 375° for 35-40 minutes or until golden brown.





Answers on the last page!

1. **What entity or person has the explicit power in Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, to exempt an agency from one or more requirements of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes?**
  - a. Administration Commission
  - b. Division of Administrative Hearings
  - c. An Agency Head
  - d. Joint Administrative Procedures Committee
2. **What is statutorily prohibited from being the sole basis for denial of issuance or renewal of a license, or for suspension or revocation of a license?**
  - a. Delinquency on mortgage payments for your homestead
  - b. Delinquency on local government taxes
  - c. Delinquency on student loans
  - d. Delinquency on child support payments
3. **What publication provides notices of rulemaking actions and public meetings?**
  - a. Florida Administrative Code
  - b. Florida Administrative Register
  - c. Florida Administrative Weekly
  - d. None of the above
4. **True or False: A municipality meets the definition of an 'agency' as defined in section 120.52, Florida Statutes.**

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## Pop Quiz Answers

1. A (See section 120.63, Florida Statutes).
2. C (See section 120.82, Florida Statutes).
3. B.
4. False (See section 120.52, Florida Statutes).

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