

## Administrative Law Section

The 2023 Administrative Law Section; chaired by Alice Henley; served to promote the objects of the Alabama State Bar within the field of administrative law not assigned by the Board of Bar Commissions of the Alabama State Bar to any other Section or to a Committee or Task Force of the Alabama State Bar.

In Fiscal Year 2023, the section committed to encouraging interaction among the members through implementation of a “lunch and learn” continuing legal education program and section socials. The first lunch and learn event was held at the state bar offices in Montgomery on April 3, 2023. The first social was held in Montgomery on April 20, 2023. The section also continues to consider restarting an administrative law award and reviewing the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act for possible amendments.

The section also provided a total of three hours of in-person continuing legal education (two one-hour seminars held at the state bar offices and one one-hour seminar hosted by the section at the bar’s annual meeting). The section issued a newsletter in the spring of 2023 and conducted an electronic survey of its membership to ascertain members’ interests in various activities. The section also served as a sponsor for the bar’s annual meeting and provided legislative and judicial updates from its subcommittees.

The Section’s Annual Meeting was held on November 7, 2022, at the offices of the state bar. The meeting included committee reports, election of new officers, and a one-hour continuing legal education seminar on Declaratory Rulings under the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act presented by Mark Wilkerson of Wilkerson & Bryan.

On April 3, 2023, the section hosted a one-hour lunch and learn continuing legal education program at the offices of the state bar. Will Parker, Legal Advisor to Governor Ivey, presented a seminar on Executive Orders of the Governor: An Overview. The section extended this CLE opportunity to members of both the Administrative Law Section and the In-House Counsel and Government Lawyers Section. The section held an informal social event at a restaurant in Montgomery on April 20, 2023.

On July 12, 2023, the section sponsored a one-hour continuing legal education program at the ASB Annual Meeting. A panel featuring Circuit Judge Burt Smithart, Mitch Boles, and Alice Henley and moderated by Mandy Speirs presented a discussion on Virtual Hearings in Civil and Administrative Hearings: Perspectives from the Bench & Bar. A fall social and newsletter are currently in the planning stages.

The section has two standing subcommittees: the Legislative Standing Committee and the Significant Decisions Standing Committee. In accordance with the section’s bylaws, at the section’s annual meeting committee representatives reported on matters of legislation enacted or under consideration by the Alabama Legislature related to administrative law and significant court decisions related to administrative law.

In Fiscal Year 2023 the Administrative Law Section focused on fostering collegial relationships among its members and offering relevant, timely content to its members.