News Release

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**Watch 10 of Tallahassee’s Top Celebrities Tear Up the Dance Floor at Legal Services of North Florida’s Third Annual Dancing with the Stars**

**TALLAHASSEE, FL –** The 2019 Dancing with the Stars (DWTS) Tallahassee event will bring to the stage a much-anticipated line-up of celebrity performances this December! Join Legal Services of North Florida on Wednesday, December 11 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Florida State University’s Champions Club for this spectacular event.

Legal Services of North Florida (LSNF) hosts this action-packed event each year, with the commitment of 10 amazing and dedicated local celebrity dancers. Each dancer raises money on behalf of LSNF by asking the community to purchase tickets, sponsor, or donate directly to their fundraising goals. Since the event began in 2017, DWTS has sold out every year. Last year alone the dancers raised over $100,000 for LSNF. This year’s dancers have already hit the ground running, between rigorous dance practices and working towards their fundraising goals! Each dollar our celebrity dancers raise directly benefits our neighbors and friends in desperate need of free civil legal aid.

As dancers raise funds by collecting dollars as votes, they get closer to winning the People’s Choice Award. This honor is given to the dancer who raises the most money for LSNF! You can check out the top fundraisers on the DWTS leaderboard at – [www.dancingtallahassee.org](http://www.dancingtallahassee.org). In addition to fundraising, our dancers spend months practicing their routines, alongside their professional dance partner from Fred Astaire Dance Studios. All of that practice comes down to the final moments when our panel of judges decide on who will win the coveted Judges’ Choice Award for best performance.

**Now it’s time to meet our 2019 Celebrity Dancers!**

**The 2019 Dancing with the Stars Tallahassee celebrity dancers include:**

* Mutaqee Akbar - Akbar Law Firm, PA
* R.J. “Rocky” Bevis - Bevis Funeral Home
* Christian Cutillo - Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli
* Kristin Dozier - Leon County Commission
* Tom Findley - Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC
* Jasmyne Henderson - Pittman Law Group
* Mia McKown - Holland & Knight, LLP
* Carrie Roane - Fasig | Brooks Law Office
* Josefina “Josie” Tamayo - Department of Juvenile Justice
* Glenda Thornton - Florida State University College of Law

Our panel of DWTS judges are a few Tallahassee celebrities themselves. These professionals in their fields include 15x AMA motocross/supercross champion Ricky Carmichael; former State Representative Alan Williams; professional dancers themselves, Mike and Dena Dill; and WTXL morning news anchor Angela Green; with DWTS emcee, Skip Foster, Editor of the Tallahassee Democrat!

“The continued success of Dancing with the Stars Tallahassee has been both exciting and humbling. We at LSNF are beyond thrilled to see so much continued commitment to making this event a reality and the incredible dedication and support of the community in supporting its success. The joy of dance and passion for justice is an amazing combination,” said LSNF Executive Director, Leslie Powell-Boudreaux.

This year’s event will be on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at FSU Champions Club located atop FSU’s Doak Campbell Stadium**. Tickets normally sell out in advance, so book your sponsorships and/or tickets early! For more information on sponsorship details, tickets, and to vote for your favorite celebrity dancer, visit [www.dancingtallahassee.org](http://www.dancingtallahassee.org).

About LSNF

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