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This article explains the administrative adjudicatory process affecting “substantial interests” available under the Florida Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”), chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. A substantial interest hearing, also called a section 120.569 or 120.57 proceeding, begins when an agency takes some action with regard to a party. These hearings are adversarial in nature and bear many similarities to civil bench trials.

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