

Leadership Opportunities and PEER INTERACTION

Section Councils and Committees – Appointment to the councils of these groups could be your first step into other leadership positions. At the least, they offer you opportunity for professional growth and personal involvement.

The ISBA has 37 sections and some 30 committees that function as the grassroots engine of the Association. Sections councils (appointed by the president), in particular, review and recommend legislation, publish the substantive law newsletters, and are involved in producing CLE programs in their area of law.

New members are appointed in the early spring of each year. Although a request to be appointed to the council (or a committee) is no guarantee of membership, you are encouraged to write to the Executive Director by January 1 and make your interest known.

Assembly and Board of Governors – For members with serious leadership ambitions, these two governing bodies are the place to aim for. The 201-member Assembly meets twice per year and the 25-member (including officers) Board of Governors meets 7 or 8 times per year. Elections are held each spring. The Board includes four seats especially for under-age 37 members, two from the Chicago area, the other two from downstate.

Annual and Midyear Meetings – Held in June and November or December, respectively, these meetings welcome all ISBA members, and especially at the June resort meeting, their families. It's a chance to interact with your peers, take in CLE and other useful programming, and learn more about your Association by meeting its leaders and the staff.

Young Lawyers Division – All new admittees and all member lawyers under the age of 37, or who have practiced for less than 3 years, are automatically members of the YLD. You receive the newsletter and notification of activities planned by this group's appointed council.

Interested in getting more involved? Call and ask for a YLD staff liaison for more information or to let your interests be known.

Illinois State Bar Association the Association for all Illinois Lawyers

Founded in 1878, the Illinois State Bar Association serves some 34,000 lawyers. Over the years, it has been a prime force in improving the administration of justice in Illinois and in helping its members practice law effectively.

Membership is open to all licensed attorneys, with a graduated dues scale starting at just \$44 for second-year practitioners – the first year is complimentary.

The ISBA operates two offices, the headquarters Illinois Bar Center in the Capitol Complex in Springfield and the Chicago Regional Office in the heart of the Loop. Most publications and some services are available on a walk-in basis at both sites.

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Questions?

You'll find that many of your questions can be answered by visiting the ISBA Web site. However, always feel free to call the above numbers.



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■ Online Discussion Groups:

"It's like having all the benefits of a partnership without the office politics."

– Melissa Maye, Yorkville

■ Legislative Services:

"I can't imagine that any state bar provides the same thorough and professional legislative service as does the ISBA."

– Gerald Cooper, Jr., Chicago

■ E-Mail Case Digests:

"I don't know of any quicker means of getting the latest decisions, other than being in the courtroom when they are announced."

– Gregory Barrett, Rockford



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ISBA Web site/www.isba.org – Your portal to the latest legal news and resources:

IllinoisCite – Online legal research for just \$35 per month, powered by LexisNexis™, exclusively for ISBA members.

Online Discussion Groups – The pooled experience of your peers is available online, 24/7. You'll be surprised how responsive and helpful other list members can be.

E-mail Case Digests – Free service exclusively for ISBA members who sign up. Case digests of Illinois Supreme and Appellate Court cases soon after they appear on the Internet, with a link to the full text of the slip opinion on the Illinois Reporter of Decisions' Web site. Also available, 7th circuit appellate court cases.

E-mail Practice Updates – These weekly e-zines are available at no extra charge to those enrolled in affiliated sections. They deliver up-to-the minute legal news, practice-specific information, links to the Web resources, and more.

ISBA MentorCenter – This Internet-based program, is designed to connect experienced ISBA lawyers with new or young attorneys—or any attorneys regardless of experience—who are seeking assistance on substantive law, law office economics and management, or professional conduct issues.

PRINT

Illinois Bar Journal – The ISBA's flagship monthly magazine and your key to legal information, analysis, and trends, in print and online.

ISBA Bar News – It's your monthly association newspaper, and it now includes the *Illinois Courts Bulletin*. Along with news about ISBA, people, events, and what's new in the profession, you also get the latest case digests.

37 Substantive Law Newsletters – These nominally-priced subscription publications are published by ISBA sections between 4-12 times per year. Written by your experienced peers, they are a lifeline to the hot topics in your area of practice. Also available online.

Books and Publications – We keep your needs in mind and prices reasonable. Check availability and pricing in the *ISBA Bar News* or on the Web site.

EDUCATION/UPDATES

High Value CLE – Half-day and full day seminars are offered in the fall and spring and during ISBA's major meetings. There's something for everyone—from "Practice Skills Seminars" for new lawyers to the "Masters Series" for experienced practitioners who benefit from nationally-known speakers.

Legislative Information – What happens at the statehouse is often critical to your practice. The Legislative Affairs Department makes available bills and amendments, status of passed and pending legislation, and schedules of legislative committee hearings.

Ethics Advisory Service – Review our online database of ethics opinions or get personal service from a qualified ISBA attorney by calling the Illinois Bar Center or the Chicago Regional Office.

SPECIAL SERVICES

IllinoisLawyerFinder – As an ISBA member, you're entitled to a listing on IllinoisLawyerFinder.com, a new way to market and build your practice. The site draws public attention by offering information about Illinois law and offers other consumer-friendly features.

CareerCenter – A powerful online service that allows you to search by position, years of experience, areas of law, relocation and more. You may submit a "confidential" resume online and remain completely anonymous to prospective employers – until you choose to release your personal information.

Member Benefit Programs – Take advantage of good value on such services as car rental, legal research, and insurance. Participating vendors include Lexis, Westlaw, major car rental companies, and insurance providers.

ISBA Mutual Insurance Company – Operated exclusively by and for Illinois lawyers. Benefits include risk management resources, including a free ethics and conflicts "hotline," and an expert Illinois-based claims department overseen by a panel of Illinois' best trial lawyers. Call (800) 473-4722.