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Congratulations on your admission to the bar of Illinois and welcome to your Illinois State Bar Association! ISBA membership is your key to great networking opportunities, affordable CLE, free legal research, and so much more that is indispensable to your success in the profession.

As a lawyer myself, I know that whatever your law school experience, your real legal education is just beginning. We design our publications with that in mind. We bring you updates on the latest cases and legislation in ISBA *E-Clips*; peer-to-peer, practice-oriented how-to articles in the award-winning *Illinois Bar Journal* and our dozens of section newsletters; and practice-management tips and more in *Illinois Lawyer Now*, which is a blog, weekly email and print quarterly rolled into one. We host a website rich in practice resources and discussion groups that empower you to pose questions and get answers in minutes. We're proud to say that in the state and local bar world, our publications and resources are second to none.

Among our most exciting periodicals – the single most valuable benefit for many members – is ISBA *E-Clips*, our daily email legal update. It includes law-related news stories from around the state, digests of newly decided Illinois and Federal Seventh Circuit cases with links to the full-text slip opinions, and up-to-the minute legislative information. A member survey done just a few months ago confirms that *E-Clips* is hands down our most popular publication.

This powerful practice tool is free to you as an ISBA member, and we're eager to deliver it to your inbox. But we need your e-mail address to do it. **So, as an incentive for you to provide it – or a reward if you already have – we'll give you a free copy of our best-selling pocket-size edition of the new *Illinois Rules of Evidence* if you simply fill out the form at www.isba.org/newadmitteesbook. This offer is good until November 15th, 2011**, so don't miss this chance to help us serve you better and get a great practice tool in the bargain.

Remember, your success is our success. We look forward to helping you thrive in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Mathewson", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Mark S. Mathewson, J.D.
ISBA Director of Publications



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YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION DIDN'T END WITH LAW SCHOOL.

The law is always evolving, new legislation is constantly passed, and emerging technologies change how we practice. Your membership in the Illinois State Bar Association provides you with a wealth of information that will help you stay on top of your practice.



PERIODICALS

E-Clips (www.isba.org/eclips)

E-Clips is an indispensable practice resource for thousands of lawyers statewide and one of the ISBA's most popular member benefits. Delivered to you daily via e-mail, *E-Clips* contains Illinois and Seventh Circuit case digests with links to the full text slip opinions on the official court Web sites. In addition to new cases when they're available, every *E-Clips* issue includes links to Illinois legal stories from state and national news sources, along with selections from the ISBA Law Ed CLE calendar.

Since *E-Clips* is delivered electronically, you must have an e-mail address on file at the ISBA in order to receive this benefit. If you have not already submitted your e-mail address, you can do so via the New Admittee Member Information Form (www.isba.org/members/newadmittees), by updating your online profile, or by contacting ISBA's Membership Coordinator Ann Boucher (aboucher@isba.org / 800.252.8908).

Illinois Bar Journal (www.isba.org/ibj)

The *Illinois Bar Journal*, the ISBA's award-winning flagship publication, is *the* how-to publication for the Illinois legal community. It's written by lawyers for lawyers in a clear, well-organized style that enables harried practitioners to cut quickly to the chase. IBJ articles are loaded with tips and discuss new cases, statutes, and legal developments across a range of practice areas. Produced monthly, the *Journal* is mailed to you and posted online every month; you also have access to archives of issues going back to 1996 online.

As a member of the ISBA's Young Lawyers Division, you are also eligible to enter the annual Lincoln Award Writing Contest. Winners receive a monetary reward (\$2,000 for 1st place alone) and their articles are published in the February issues of the *Journal*. You can also submit manuscripts year-round for publication consideration to *Journal* Editor Mark Mathewson. (Find out more about submission guidelines at www.isba.org/ibj/manuscriptguide).

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Illinois Lawyer Now (www.illinoislawyernow.com)

Our blog – *Illinois Lawyer Now* – is your online source for breaking legal news, ISBA updates, photo galleries and more. Updated daily, it also includes regular features like Best Practice Tips, Legal Tech, Supreme Court Quick Takes, CLE program notices, Transitions and Obituaries. You can also search posts by region, category, or by our most popular topics. A digest version of the blog – *Illinois Lawyer Now Weekly* – is e-mailed to you at the end of the week and includes links to the week’s top posts.

Just started a new position, changed firms, or decided to hang out your own shingle? Let the legal community know by submitting your picture (jpg format) and press release (including name, position, law firm, practice areas, education information and former employer) to ILN Editor Chris Bonjean (cbonjean@isba.org) for posting on the *Illinois Lawyer Now* Transitions page.

Illinois Lawyer Now Quarterly (www.isba.org/ilnq)

Four times a year you will also receive *Illinois Lawyer Now Quarterly*, the ISBA’s newsletter in tabloid format. The *Quarterly* concentrates on news of ISBA member benefits, CLE offerings, election notices and leadership opportunities, alongside feature stories about ISBA members and events. Regular columns include expanded Legal Tech and Best Practices articles, a CLE calendar, Obituaries, and the Capitol Chronicle, a summary of Illinois’ legislative agenda. Past features have included profiles of Justice John Paul Stevens, Past & Present Women Leaders in the ISBA, JAG Members Serving in the War Zone, and the ISBA Juvenile Justice Initiative, to name a few.

Section Newsletters (www.isba.org/sections)

ISBA Section Newsletters are peer-written and packed with timely, practice-oriented information. They are free to Section members, but you must be a member of the Section to get them. As a New Admittee, you are automatically enrolled in the Young Lawyers Division for free, and will be receiving the Young Lawyers Division’s bi-monthly newsletter. You can also choose up to 2 other additional sections at no-charge and receive their newsletters as well. If you haven’t already chosen your additional free sections, you can do so by filling out the New Admittee Information Form mentioned earlier. *Section newsletters are delivered electronically unless you specify that you’d prefer a printed copy.*

Illinois Courts Bulletin (www.isba.org/ichb)

Available for an additional charge (\$60 per year for ISBA members), the Illinois Courts Bulletin is the ISBA’s monthly print compendium of Illinois supreme, appellate, and seventh-circuit case summaries, organized by subject matter so you can quickly review the case law that matters most to your practice. It comes in an easy-to-carry format that’s great for reading on the train or during a lull at the courthouse.

BOOKS

ISBA Bookstore (www.isba.org/store)

The ISBA produces a number of publications on issues specific to Illinois law with topic areas like administrative, criminal, environmental, and family law, in addition to topics regarding practice management issues. Many books are available in print and electronic versions, and all are provided at a discount to members. There you can also purchase bulk copies of our Public Information Brochures for your office and the ISBA Daily Diary, a bound diary specially prepared for Illinois lawyers that allows you to keep accurate records of appointments and billable hours and contains information about Illinois courts, the ISBA and other useful data.

Through the ISBA Bookstore you also have access to discounts on legal books from other vendors including a CCH book discount (20%) and American Bar Association book discount (15%).

The ISBA Publications Department is committed to providing you with the latest legal news and practice information, keeping you “in the know” in the ever-evolving legal profession.

