



Section on Criminal Law

The Mission of the [ISBA Criminal Law Section](#):

To work for a system of criminal justice that fairly protects the accused, the accuser, and the public in general; to seek or oppose change, as considered appropriate, by legislative activity, recommendations on court rules and recommendations to agencies; and to educate and inform lawyers and the general public through newsletters, seminars and other appropriate channels of communication.

General:

- ◆ Section dues are \$30 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

[Legislation](#)

The Section Council reviews proposed legislation that may affect their members' practice area. Highlights of the most recent legislative session include:

1. Number of bills reviewed: 279
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. SB 1610 – Judicial admonishment in sentencing for non-citizens
 - b. HB 1438 – Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act
 - c. HB 2135 – Extends sex crimes' statute of limitations

ISBA Central

- ◆ Members of the ISBA section get free access to the section's community on ISBA Central. The ISBA Central community allows section members to pose questions, answer questions, and share information with fellow section members from around the state.

[Newsletters](#)

During the 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 4 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Cellphone data – Constitutional protections continue to expand (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Is it time for no-name criminal juries in Cook County? (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Legislation: 2018 bills update (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Note from the editor (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Pandora's box: The predicament of incarcerating mentally ill defendants in the Illinois Department of Corrections (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Case summary: *People v. Vara* (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Case summary: *People v. Bonilla* (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ SORA on appeal after *People v. Bingham* (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Illinois appellate court issues major decision regarding de facto life sentences for intellectually disabled (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Police officers' training & defendants with mental health issues (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Newsflash (Mar. 2019)