

# 2018-2019 Bar Year Activities

## Section on Elder Law

#### The Mission of the ISBA Elder Law Section:

To inform and advise the members of the bar whose practice involves representing older persons in such areas as estate planning, public benefits, nursing home residents' rights, elder abuse, age discrimination, real estate issues, senior housing and guardianship; to review and make recommendations regarding proposed legislation that may affect older persons; to promote the legal rights of older persons to enjoy their communities, families, and lives to the fullest extent possible and to inform older persons of these rights; and to provide a forum for the exchange of views and information in furtherance of these goals.

#### General:

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

## **Continuing Legal Education**

The Section sponsored the following program during the year:

♦ 6th Annual Elder Law Boot Camp: Assisting the Exploited and More (04/25/19-04/26/19)

Section members also receive discounts on section-sponsored CLE programs.

### **Newsletters**

During the 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 3 newsletters. Articles included:

- Editor's note (Nov. 2018)
- Appellate court's estate planning advice (Nov. 2018)
- Guardianship checklist (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ GAL checklist (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Short-term guardian form (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Sibling rivalry (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ When does Medicare cover skilled nursing care? (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Judge rejects agency position regarding nursing home resident appeals (June 2019)
- ◆ Elder law case summaries (June 2019)

## **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: 40
- 2. Significant legislation:
  - a. HB 2256 Emancipation of minors
  - b. SB 182 Advance directives in electronic format
  - c. HB 347 Elder abuse prohibits inheritance

#### 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.