

# 2018-2019 Bar Year Activities

### Section on Energy, Utilities, Telecommunications, and Transportation

# The Mission of the <u>ISBA Energy</u>, <u>Utilities</u>, <u>Telecommunications</u>, and <u>Transportation Section</u>:

To inform and advise the members of the bar on current developments in public utilities and transportation law; to monitor and comment upon state and federal legislation and regulations affecting public utilities and transportation law; to propose remedial legislation in areas of perceived need; to encourage formal legal education in public utilities and transportation law; to promote continuing legal education through publications, conferences and seminars; and to provide a forum for consideration of any comment upon current issues in the field of public utilities and transportation law.

#### General:

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

### **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: 60
- 2. Significant legislation:
  - a. HB 3383 Hydraulic fracking local consent
  - b. HB 2839 Administrative review before EPA
  - c. SB 1852 EPA permits ethylene oxide

#### **Newsletters**

During the 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 1 newsletter. Articles included:

- ◆ Recent legislation impacting Illinois solar developments (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ NextGrid: Illinois' utility of the future study (Jan. 2019)

#### **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.