



Section on Real Estate Law

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

To enhance the ability of general practitioners and those concentrating in real estate law by promoting communication among lawyers statewide; disseminating information on current developments in real estate law and practice; participating in continuing legal education programs in the real estate law area; review and promotion of legislation and procedural changes affecting real estate law and practice; education of the lay public in the rights and procedures connected with the purchase, leasing and ownership of real estate; cooperating with other groups of professionals and business persons in the real estate area, such as real estate brokers, commercial and bar-related insurance companies, and lenders.

General:

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

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored the following programs during the year:

- ◆ Real Estate Law Update – 2018 (10/16/18)
- ◆ Real Estate Law Update – 2018 (10/24/18)
- ◆ Competence, Excellence and Diversity in the Illinois Real Estate Practice – 2019 (04/24/19)
- ◆ Basic Real Estate Skills - 2019 (05/16/19)

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

[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: 73
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. HB 3677 – Uniform Partition of Heirs Act
 - b. HB 2463 – Home Repair and Remodeling Act expansion
 - c. SB 62 – Mechanics Lien Act technical correction

[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 12 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Appraisals, valuations, and...“Zestimates” (July 2018)
- ◆ Standing to collect rent arrearages (July 2018)
- ◆ A better strategy: Reduce the contract purchase price in lieu of credits to buyers (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Guidance for condominium associations faced with Fair Housing Act claims found in seventh circuit opinion (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ So you want to be an urban farmer? (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Liens, tenancies, and death (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Three quick-hitting points regarding real property issues (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Constructing a bridge between the Home Repair and Remodeling Act and the Illinois Mechanics Lien Act (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Appellate court rules condominium association need not have filed a lawsuit to collect unpaid assessments from a foreclosure (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Your Real Estate Law Section Council has been actively engaged (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Post-closing issue? Don't count on the Merger Doctrine to save you (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ The effect of an order declaring heirship (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Why should an attorney be involved in residential real estate transactions? (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Obituary of Myles L. Jacobs (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ A letter from Myles Jacobs (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Friends and colleagues remember Myles (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ V&T Investment Corp. v. West Columbia Place Condominium Ass'n: A decision offering major answers to questions from purchasers of units in mortgage foreclosures (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Does the term “sidewalk” encompass a private walkway? (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Completing commercial due diligence: Do not forget governmental requirements and zoning! (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Tick-tock: The 60-day clock for objections to personal jurisdiction in residential foreclosures (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ MyDec to be required for all Cook County conveyances (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ The 'Multi-Board Residential Real Estate Contract 7.0' (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Quick hitters: Points of current interest (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ 2019: Year of eClosings? (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Considerations for non-married parties purchasing residential real estate together (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ It's time to legislate the implied remedy for 22.1 disclosure violations (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Multi-Board Contract 7.0 – Handling cash transactions (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Ramsey Herndon LLC v. Lisa Whiteside: Illinois Supreme Court offers a primer on leasing mineral rights (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Farm leasing: More complex than ever? (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Terminating farm leases (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Recent litigation of interest (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Drafting a FSBO residential real estate contract: Questionnaire for your clients (May 2019)
- ◆ Mortgage foreclosure defense: Mortgagors beware (May 2019)
- ◆ Cook County Recorder of Deeds fee schedule changing (May 2019)
- ◆ Illinois Supreme Court decision in Teamsters Local Union No. 700 has ramifications for condominium associations, municipalities, and other areas of law (May 2019)
- ◆ In retrospect: The 2018-19 Real Estate Law Section Council year (June 2019)
- ◆ Who owns the decedent's real estate? (June 2019)
- ◆ Unincorporated associations must follow statutory requirements: A review of 1150 MP Road LLC v. Teamsters Local Union No. 700 (June 2019)
- ◆ The effect of First Midwest Bank v. Cobo on lenders and servicers in their collection pursuits (June 2019)