



Section on Tort Law

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

To enhance the knowledge and professional capabilities of lawyers who devote their time to the practice of tort law in all its substantive branches both on behalf of Plaintiffs and Defendants; to disseminate current tort law information, such as proposed legislation and case law to members and explain any impact it may have on members' tort practices; to educate tort practitioners in the substantive branches of tort law through continuing legal education programs Tort Trends publications, and use of its listservs; to promote diversity among its membership; to encourage mentoring programs in conjunction with the young lawyers division encouraging and offering advice to younger lawyers desiring to investigate the practice of tort law; to promote and encourage the professional, civil, and ethical practice of tort law at all times; and to promote improvements in the tort system, to protect the rights of tort litigants, and ensure the administration of justice.

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:

- ◆ Probate for the Personal Injury Lawyer (11/07/18)
- ◆ Experts: Find Them; Prep Them; Challenge Them (12/12/18)
- ◆ The Importance of Technology and How To Use it at Trial (02/26/19)

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: 74
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. HB 2233 – Changes the special interrogatory statute
 - b. HB 39 – Changes Bill of Particulars
 - c. PA 101-6 – Toxic torts 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 5 newsletters.

Articles included:

- ◆ Editor's note (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Case Review: Doe v. Coe (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Case Review: Barrett v. FA Group, LLC, et al. (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Case review: Giles v. Park (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Editor's note (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Premises liability: Open and obvious claims (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Appellate court confirms importance of Dead Man's Act in surviving litigation (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Editor's note (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Look closer at that healthcare lien for unpaid bills when a client has health insurance (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ How to navigate conflicts between demands for confidentiality of discovery and settlement and indemnification: Your duty to your client and the law (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Editor's note (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Failure to follow UIM policy results in a loss of coverage (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Five things to know about remittitur and additur (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ There is no bright line test for the admissibility of alcohol in a civil case (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Editor's note (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Why every litigator should use technology in trial (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ An inappropriate mediator (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Editor's note (May 2019)
- ◆ A strategy to address the phantom causation defense in light of Campbell v. Autenrieb (May 2019)
- ◆ High-low, high-low, it's off to court we go! The basics of high-low agreements (May 2019)