



# Section on Traffic Laws & Courts

## **The Mission of the ISBA Traffic Laws & Courts Section:**

To promote professional excellence among judges, prosecutors, defense counsel and administrative officials in all phases of traffic court and motor vehicle proceedings, through the presentation of continuing legal education programs, promoting conferences highlighting developments in the law and the publication of an informational newsletter; to review proposed legislation and recommend new legislative initiatives; and to advocate administrative and procedural regulations as they relate to the administration of Illinois' vehicle codes or similar local traffic provisions.

## **General:**

- ◆ Section dues are \$30 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to [www.isba.org/sections](http://www.isba.org/sections)

## **Continuing Legal Education**

**The Section sponsored the following programs during the year:**

- ◆ 2019 Traffic Case Law & Legislative Update (02/13/19)
- ◆ Scientific Testing in DUI Cannabis Cases (04/10/19)
- ◆ Traffic Law Nuts and Bolts – Spring 2019 (04/12/19)
- ◆ Advanced DUI and Traffic Law Update – Spring 2019 (04/12/19)

**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. SB 1473 – Driver's licenses and child support
  - b. HB 1438 – Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act
  - c. HB 2386 – Texting while driving

## **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 3 newsletters.**

**Articles included:**

- ◆ Probable cause in your DUI case (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Appellate court finds that blood in defendant's mouth invalidated blood test (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Low-speed bicycles and driving while revoked/suspended (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Recent cases of interest (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Appellate court finds that admission of evidence related to defendant's blood draw was not in error (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Should courtroom-provided petitions to rescind summary suspension go up in smoke? (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Statutory summary suspension affirmed where petitioner failed to present some evidence that parking lot did not constitute a public highway (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ The new DUI crime laboratory discovery rules (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Chasing zero: The NTSB recommendation to lower BAC limits from .08 to .05 (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Constitutionality of the DUI per se provisions of the compassionate use of medical cannabis law (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ The need for a warrant after DUI suspect hospitalized (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Recent cases of interest (Mar. 2019)