



Section on Agricultural Law

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

To improve the knowledge and professional abilities of lawyers through continuing legal education programs, publications and other means. To engage in the practice of law as it relates to the business of agriculture; to review and research applicable laws and proposed legislation; to monitor developments in the various legal fields that are applicable to farming and agribusiness; to disseminate information about current developments in this area of the law, and in general to assist in the improvement of the practice of law in this area.

General:

- ◆ Section fees are \$25 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored one program during the year:

- ◆ **Hot Topics in Agricultural Law 2017** (Feb. 3, 2017)

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

[Legislation](#)

The Agricultural Law 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: 32
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 2423 - Hghwy Cd-Mulch-Twp Delivery
 - b. Senate Bill 1294 - Industrial Hemp Act

Other

- ◆ [The ISBA Agricultural Law Discussion List](#) allows section members to pose questions and share information with fellow section members from around the state.

[Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested. During 2016-17 the Section published 10 newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ 2017 rural ramblings and thoughts (June 2017)
- ◆ "Actual fraud" and the discharge of certain debts in bankruptcy (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Animal welfare topics at the forefront (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Federal court addresses Clean Water Act jurisdiction (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Future of agriculture? The USDA weighs in (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ The GST trust tax trap (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Internal Revenue Service announces inflation adjustments for 2017 (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ IRS proposes significant changes to valuation discount regulations (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ The J51 non-commercial driver's license (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Legitimate income tax collection activity by Illinois? (Feb. 2017)
- ◆ Make cash rent negotiations less complicated (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ New source for agricultural information (Feb. 2017)
- ◆ Post-death conservation easements—Another way to save the farm? (June 2017)
- ◆ Proposed Section 2704 regulations: Insights straight from the source (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ Section Council travels to Deere & Company (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Tax ideas & suggestions for 2017 (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Temporary nuisance production agriculture in the cross-hairs again (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ Understanding USDA microloans and how clients might benefit (May 2017)
- ◆ What constitutes a gift of farm land? (May 2017)
- ◆ Where is agriculture, and therefore agricultural law, headed? (Mar. 2017)