



# 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](http://www.isba.org/sections)

## **Continuing Legal Education**

**The Section sponsored or co-sponsored two programs during the year:**

- ◆ **Hot Topics in Agricultural Law 2016** (Feb. 5, 2016)
- ◆ **Co-Sponsor: 3rd Annual Elder Law Bootcamp** (April 21-22, 2016)

**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: 7
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. SB 2237 - Telecommunications right-of-ways
  - b. HB 5577 - Tree Cutting 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 2015-16 the Section published 8 newsletters. Articles include:**

- ◆ 2014 Farm Bill: Election year (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ 2015 year in review—2015 tax organizer supplement (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ The Clean Water Rule: Waters Rage (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Country of origin labeling: Now you see it, now you don't (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ Court opinions of interest (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Deficiency denied due to delay in the sale of collateral (May 2016)
- ◆ Des Moines Water Works lawsuit: A Big Splash (May 2016)
- ◆ FAA now requiring registration of drones (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ The fiduciary duty of a trustee—General principles (June 2016)
- ◆ IRS announces new estate and gift tax requirements (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Payment eligibility review of estates older than two program years (Jan. 2016)
- ◆ The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015: Some tax-planning stability for farmers? (Jan. 2016)
- ◆ Syngenta: Billions at stake (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ USDA encourages producers to consider risk protection coverage before fall crop sales deadlines (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Victory for Adams County landowners (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ What is a lender's duty of inquiry as to the actual status of existing loans and security instruments? (June 2016)