



Section on Animal Law

The mission of the [ISBA Animal Law Section](#):

To produce live and recorded CLE seminars to educate members of the bar (and the public) on laws, regulations, and court decisions dealing with various issues related to animal law; to monitor the developments in the animal law field, and dissemination of topical information to members through newsletters and a list serve; serve as a resource for the public, organizations, law school animal law groups, and governmental agencies that wish to obtain information about animal law issues; evaluate and recommend existing and proposed legislation and regulations in the animal law field; and provide a forum for animal law attorneys to meet, exchange ideas, share best practices, and have a positive impact on the practice of law in this developing area.

General:

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

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored or co-sponsored two programs. These include:

- ◆ **7th Annual Animal Law Conference – CHICAGO & LIVE WEB-CAST** (March 4, 2016)
- ◆ **Co-Sponsor: 3rd Annual Elder Law Bootcamp** (April 21-22, 2016)

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

[Legislation](#)

The Animal 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: 27
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 4443 - Animal cruelty
 - b. House Bill 5004 - Animal devocalization
 - c. House Bill 5010 - Animal abuse-Exposure

Other

- ◆ [The Animal Law Discussion Group](#) 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 three newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ The American Kennel Club steps up to help in the aftermath of natural disasters (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Assistance and service animals in the housing context (May 2016)
- ◆ Despite opposition, General Assembly passes law allowing bobcat hunting in Illinois (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Dogs in cars—The Amended Humane Care for Animals Act (June 2016)
- ◆ Editor's corner (May 2016)
- ◆ Emotional support animals on campus (June 2016)
- ◆ HEEL! Municipalities now restricting reckless dog owners (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Highlighting animal heroes—The Bryan & Amanda Bickell Foundation (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Illinois top for animal protection laws, but fight continues (May 2016)
- ◆ In a divorce, Illinois courts have no authority to order pet "visitation" (May 2016)
- ◆ Message from the Chair (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ On the Listserve – "B-a-a-a-a-ning Goats" (June 2016)
- ◆ Trap Neuter Return (TNR) Programs—An overview (Sept. 2015)