



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 dues are \$30 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored the following program(s) during the year:

- ◆ ISBA Central and Southern Illinois Animal Law Conference (02/14/19-02/15/19)
- ◆ 10th Annual Animal Law Conference (03/01/19)

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

[Newsletters](#)

During the 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 3 newsletters.

Articles included:

- ◆ A few final words (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ An update on the companion animal Good Samaritan law (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Chair's column (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ The destructive effects of farm subsidies on animals and the environment: Part One – Our national farm subsidy system (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ So you want to be an urban farmer? (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ 'Puppy prohibition' – An economic primer explaining why Chicago's puppy mill ban ordinance was doomed to fail (June 2019)
- ◆ Burned out? Overwhelmed? Meet Dr. Diana Uchiyama and the Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program (June 2019)

[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: 33
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. HB 2030 – Makes dog fighting a predicate offense under RICO
 - b. HB 1631 – Court appointment of a special advocate to represent cat or dog in animal abuse case

[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.