



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

### [Continuing Legal Education](#)

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

- ◆ Illinois Animal Law Conference (2/9/18)
- ◆ 9th Annual Animal Law Conference (3/2/18)

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: 69
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. Senate Bill 1442 – Special advocates for animals
  - b. Senate Bill 2277 - Immunity for trying to rescue an animal in a locked car
  - c. Senate Bill 2601 - Civil immunity for approved humane investigators

### [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 2017-18 bar year, the Section published 3 newsletters.

Articles included:

- ◆ Chairman's column (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Chicago ordinance limiting the sale of cruelly raised animals upheld by the Seventh Circuit (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ "Property plus" – A new well-being standard for the family pet in marriage dissolution proceedings (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Madison, St. Clair Counties adopt "no-kill" resolutions, set deadline for implementation plan (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Pet custody is coming to Illinois: Who will get Fido in the divorce? (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ The continuing saga of Naruto: The monkey 'selfie' case that refused to die (June 2018)
- ◆ New farm bill: What are the topics of discussion? (June 2018)