



Bench & Bar

The Mission of the [ISBA Bench & Bar Section](#):

To forge a spirit of cooperation, collegiality and exchange among state and federal judges and the practicing bar, and to enhance the court system, the administration of justice for the public, and the relationship between judges and lawyers.

General:

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

[Legislation](#)

The 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: 54
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. HB 2203 – Age exemption for jury duty
 - b. SB 2128 – Creates “voice writer” court reporting
 - c. HB 2625 – Judicial subcircuit redistricting

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 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 10 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Chair's column: We could be heroes (July 2018)
- ◆ Editor's note (July 2018)
- ◆ Judging judges (July 2018)
- ◆ Blessing or curse: Having an eclectic ADR practice (July 2018)
- ◆ Perfect timing: The right time to release legal holds (July 2018)
- ◆ Illinois 2L agrees: Time's up (July 2018)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (July 2018)
- ◆ International Shoe got the boot (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Appellate court clarifies “sole proximate cause” (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ The picture window (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Chair's column: Truth and the law (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ A call to end routine shackling of custodial defendants (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ The historic nature of #MeToo: Best practices to ensure equal access from the perspective of Judge Debra Walker, Circuit Judge, Cook County Circuit Court (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Judicial temperament: Concerns and questions (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Mary Ann McMorrow remembered (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ The opioid crisis and the elderly (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Bench & Bar addresses attacks on the rule of law (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Efficiency, economy, and consistency: 2018-2019 amendments to the Federal Rules (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Thoughts on human nature and attorney discipline (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Understanding the requirements for adult guardianships (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Evidentiary admissions and judicial admissions: A quick refresher (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Top 10 tips for an effective settlement conference (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ The Intermediary Program – A 40-year uncompleted project of the Illinois State Bar Association (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Crisis? National emergency? For Illinois lawyers, it's time to address a serious issue (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Hello Dubai (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Another unfair Chicago enforcement practice (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Blown out of proportion (May 2019)
- ◆ An inappropriate mediator (May 2019)
- ◆ Help is on the way (May 2019)
- ◆ Burned out? Overwhelmed? Meet Dr. Diana Uchiyama and the Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program (May 2019)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (May 2019)
- ◆ Bench & Bar Section Council year in review 2018-19: Reflections from the chair (June 2019)
- ◆ Before you run, know the rules and prepare yourself ... it may be a bumpy ride! (June 2019)
- ◆ Restorative justice: An overview (June 2019)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (June 2019)