



Bench & Bar

The Mission of the [ISBA Bench and 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

Continuing Legal Education

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

- ◆ Appellate Luncheon and Seminar-CO SPONSOR (5/11/18)
- ◆ The Ethics of Social Media for Attorneys and Judges (3/6/18)

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

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: 74
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. SB 2818 - Prohibits bail being a factor in being provided a public defender
 - b. HB 4594 – Overhaul of criminal and civil fines and costs

ISBA Central

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Newsletters

During the 2017-18 bar year, the Section published 6 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Editor's note (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ What the bench and bar should do for justice (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Marcia Meis – New Director of the Administrative Office (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Civility matters (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ The ongoing saga of sexual harassment (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Madison County's Veterans Treatment Court: A model program (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Interpretation of recent amendments to FRCP 37(e) taking shape (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ The First District affirms sanctions against a judgment debtor raising frivolous defenses (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Sidebar on CLE at the mid-year meeting (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Chair's column—Dealing with pro se litigants: A view from the bench and bar (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Editor's column (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ E-filing update ahead of the Jan. 1 deadline for civil cases (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ How civil lawsuits in Cook County proceed to resolution: Mediate—Don't litigate! (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ What's been on my mind (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Blurbs on briefs (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Circuit Judge Valerie E. Turner officially retired (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Personal injury plaintiff cannot rely solely on expert opinion to create a question of fact on proximate causation (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ Dealing with pro se litigants: A judge's dilemma (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ Returning to the fray after discharge (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ Mandatory e-filing is just around the corner—A good cause exemption exists for those who need it (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ ABA considers modifying model rules on attorney advertising (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ The ARDC's proactive program for better practice management (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Upholding or striking consumer mandatory arbitration clauses—What is the current trend? (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ A preliminary review of the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Program (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Making the record (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Bicentennially speaking... (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Illinois celebrates 200 years of statehood in 2018 (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ The Code of the Order of the Brethren (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ The thousand-foot rule (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ A call for written admonishments in criminal cases (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ A lesson in the ethics of social media (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ Reliability is the paramount concern: People v. Ernsting (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ A new federal rule of criminal procedure is likely on the way, but will it affect practice in Illinois federal courts? (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ 2018 ISBA high school mock trial invitational (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ Defendants dismissed without prejudice can be named as respondents in discovery (May 2018)
- ◆ Theresa Gronkiewicz assigned to ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs (May 2018)
- ◆ The ABA's role in protecting judicial independence (May 2018)
- ◆ Recent appointments and retirements (May 2018)



Section on Business Advice & Financial Planning

The Mission of the [ISBA Business Advice & Financial Planning Section](#):

To assist members of the section in developing their skills and resources in counseling their business-owner and business clients, to provide a forum for exchange of opinions and ideas among lawyers and the other disciplines serving the business community, to study the emerging role of lawyers in giving financial advice, and to formulate and evaluate legislative suggestions.

General:

- ◆ Section dues are \$30 per year.
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Continuing Legal Education

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

- ◆ **Issues to Recognize and Resolve When Dealing With Clients of Diminished Capacity** (10/4/17)
- ◆ **Environmental Law for the General Practitioner: The Clean Water Act and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program** (2/1/18)

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

Newsletters

During the 2017-18 bar year, the Section published 2 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Act (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ Technology at end-of-life: Estate planning for Millennials (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ Who gets the painting on the living room wall? (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ Fraudster and victim both fail to shift loss (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ Every company needs an anti-harassment program (Jan. 2018)

Legislation

The Business & Securities 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: 76
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 3514 - Expedited services filings are not charged solely for filing documents electronically
 - b. House Bill 5214 - Angel investment tax credits

ISBA Central

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Section on Business and Securities Law

The Mission of the [ISBA Business & Securities Law Section](#):

To monitor developments in legal fields that have particular application to all forms of business, charitable and professional entities, including the related fields of securities and commodities law; to inform the membership through appropriate means; to review and research applicable laws and propose needed changes; to review and comment on proposed legislation and regulations in these fields; to assist in the improvement of legal practices in these areas; and to contribute to the improvement of the legal climate in Illinois for business, charitable and professional entities.

General:

- ◆ Section dues are \$30 per year.
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[Continuing Legal Education](#)

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

- ◆ **What's Cooking in the Restaurant Industry? A Survey of Trending Legal Issues** (6/9/18)
- ◆ **Business Divorce: Marital and Non-Marital Business Owner Separations** (1/18/18)
- ◆ **The Nuts and Bolts of LLC Taxation** (5/15/18)
- ◆ **Six Months to GDPR – Ready or Not?-CO SPONSOR** (1/11/18)

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[Newsletters](#)

During the 2017-18 bar year, the Section published 1 newsletter. Articles included:

- ◆ Piercing the entity veil: Vertical and horizontal; and the award of attorney fees in a case of first impression (Sept. 2017)

[Legislation](#)

The Business & Securities 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: 12
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. Senate Bill 665 - Prohibition of salary nondisclosure agreements
 - b. Senate Bill 3398 - Cleanup of the business law statutes

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Section on Child Law

The Mission of the [ISBA Child Law Section](#):

To inform all lawyers practicing in the areas impacting children, including but not limited to juvenile justice and child protection law, adoption, education, guardianship, and family law, of current and significant developments in these areas; to review, monitor and propose legislation in all legal areas impacting children; to enhance the professional skills of lawyers who practice in these areas through continuing legal education programs and publications; and to provide a forum for all entities, lawyers and other interested parties to work for the refinement and improvement of laws and systems impacting children.

General:

- ◆ Section dues are \$30 per year.
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[Legislation](#)

The Child 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: 102
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 1804 - Minors arrested or taken into custody for vehicular hijacking
 - b. House Bill 5341 - Sealing or expungement petitions
 - c. Senate Bill - Purchase age for tobacco products

[Newsletters](#)

During the 2017-18 bar year, the Section published 1 newsletters.

Articles included:

- ◆ Chair's column (May 2018)
- ◆ New rule eliminating indiscriminate shackling of children working well (May 2018)
- ◆ Tips for representing stepparents in uncontested adoption cases (May 2018)
- ◆ Relevant articles (May 2018)

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