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.
- To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

Continuing Legal Education
The Section sponsored the following programs during the year:
- Protect Your Credit, Identity, and Financial Accounts (10/10/18)
- Environmental Law for the General Practitioner Series: Session 7; Environmental Issues in Real Estate Transactions (01/23/19)

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

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: 3
2. Significant legislation:
   a. SB 1495 – LLC Act cleanup
   b. HB 2599 – Allows corporate entities to represent themselves in administrative hearings

Newsletters
During the 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 3 newsletters. Articles included:
- New federal government ruling approves companies’ employment policies (Oct. 2018)
- California passes sweeping new internet privacy legislation (Oct. 2018)
- Estate and income planning tips and checklists (Mar. 2019)
- Commissions or bonuses? It makes a difference (Mar. 2019)
- Always refresh and renew your guaranty (Apr. 2019)
- New owner of contaminated property is liable for cleanup costs incurred before the purchase (Apr. 2019)
- Take control: What every attorney should do to keep hackers at bay (Apr. 2019)

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.