



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 fees are \$25 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

Continuing Legal Education

The Section sponsored or co-sponsored three programs during the year:

- ◆ **Environmental Law for the General Practitioner: Fundamentals on Handling Hazardous Waste** (Nov. 30, 2016)
- ◆ **Environmental Law for the General Practitioner: A Thumbnail Sketch of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation & Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund)** (Nov. 30, 2016)
- ◆ **Cybersecurity: Protecting Your Clients and Your Firm** (Feb. 1, 2017)

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

Newsletters

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested. During 2016-17 the Section published four newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ 2016 legislation (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ An introduction to the Department of Labor's new Conflict of Interest Rule on Investment Advice (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ New overtime rule impacts exempt employees (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Post-death conservation easements—Another way to save the farm? (June 2017)
- ◆ Pre-employment screening in Illinois (Feb. 2017)
- ◆ Proposed 2704 changes meet stiff resistance at IRS hearing (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ Raising capital for business: Recent changes expand your options (June 2017)
- ◆ Use of an estate planning questionnaire as part of a coordinated process in your practice (Feb. 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: 21
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 2432 - Franchise Disclose Act Abolish
 - b. House Bill 2713 - SOS-Bus Corp-Expedited Service
 - c. House Bill 3514 - Business Electronic Filings

Other

- ◆ [The ISBA Business Advice & Financial Planning Discussion List](#) allows section members to pose questions and share information with fellow section members from around the state.