



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

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored the following program during the year:

- ◆ [Navigating Your Child Client Through The Juvenile Delinquency Process \(09/27/18\)](#)

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

[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: 66
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. HB 2627 – Law enforcement interrogations of students
 - b. HB 909 – Forensic interviews of children
 - c. HB 1438 – Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act

[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 4 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Note from the editor (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ The child abuse hearsay exception (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Case note: In re Marriage of Milne (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Spotlight on Tracy Weaver, 2017-18 Child Law Section Council chair (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Case note: In re Marriage of Dee J. and Ashley J. (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ A must-see movie: Minding the Gap (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Spotlight on Missy Greathouse, Child Law Section Council member (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Juvenile abuse and neglect cases: A short primer for non-Cook County matters (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Note from the editor (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Foreword (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Legal memorandum regarding a non-parent's petition for allocation of parental responsibilities (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Spotlight on Hon. Martin J. Mengarelli (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ The Juvenile Defender Pilot Program (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Note from the editor (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ The rebuttable presumption of depravity in the Adoption Act: A closer look (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Why working in child law really matters (and how I got my start) (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ The Germanic system of justice: Learning about an approach focused on human dignity (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Case note: In re N.B. (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Raising 'free-range children': The role of substitute care (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Spotlight on Amanda Highlander (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Case law update (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Protecting abused, abandoned, or neglected immigrant children (May 2019)
- ◆ VAPs and you (May 2019)
- ◆ Burned out? Overwhelmed? Meet Dr. Diana Uchiyama and the Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program (May 2019)