



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

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored one program during the year:

- ◆ **Transgender Students: Law and Practice** (May 24, 2017)

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

[Newsletters](#)

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

- ◆ Case updates (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Case updates (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ Illinois child welfare successes (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Ethical concerns for guardians ad litem (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ Illinois Legal Aid Online: Technology increases access to legal help and makes pro bono easy (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ A judge's perspective on juvenile sentencing hearings (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ Mind your Ps and Qs: Some tips for interviewing kids (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Notes from the Chair (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Personal jurisdiction and notice in abuse and neglect proceedings (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Report on Illinois Supreme Court's Rules Committee Hearing on Proposed Rule to End Indiscriminate Shackling of Children (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Resources for children in domestic cases in Cook County and surrounding collar counties (Dec. 2016)

[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: 59
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 678 - Juv Ct-Hearing Within 24 Hr
 - b. House Bill 2619 - Juv Ct-Age of Detention
 - c. House Bill 3817 - Courts-Tech

Other

- ◆ [The ISBA Child Law Discussion List](#) allows section members to pose questions and share information with fellow section members from around the state.