



Section on Civil Practice and Procedure

The Mission of the [ISBA Civil Practice and Procedure Section](#):

To enhance the knowledge and professional capabilities of lawyers who devote time to the practice of civil law in all its substantive branches, to disseminate current information such as proposed legislation and case law and to explain ramifications of these changes on civil practice, to promote improvement in the civil law system, and to study other pertinent areas of reform.

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:

- ◆ Profession Under Pressure; Stress in the Legal Profession and Ways to Cope : The Causes of Stress in the Legal Profession and How to Better Cope (11/10/17)
- ◆ Evidence: Discussions about obtaining evidence, foundation issues, objections and effective (5/11/18)

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: 82
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 4594 - Overhaul of criminal and civil fines and costs
 - b. Senate Bill 1246 - ABLE accounts

[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 9 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Is hearsay a pleading objection? (July 2017)
- ◆ Service of process on corporations and limited liability companies (July 2017)
- ◆ Obtaining attorney fees in voluntary lawyer program cases (July 2017)
- ◆ Jury instruction update: "Do you hear what I hear?" (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Respondents in discovery: A procedure for streamlining litigation when used properly ((Aug. 2017))
- ◆ Stipulation versus guilty plea: Are both admissions? (Aug. 2017))
- ◆ Appellate court confirms importance of Dead Man's Act in surviving litigation (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Trial lawyers make bad jurors and I can prove it (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Survival of claims—Renunciation of wills (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ A lie or a slip of the tongue? The basics of judicial estoppel after Seymour v. Collins (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Revisiting long-arm jurisdiction: Kowal v. Westchester Wheels, Inc. (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ A "deadline" is the date or time before which a task must be completed (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Limiting the general: How practitioners can (and should) use the ejusdem generis rule of construction in everyday practice (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Stanphill v. Ortberg: The need for clarity in the submission of a special interrogatory to the jury (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Civil law and procedure updates (Jan 2018)
- ◆ The Illinois "Long arm" jurisdiction statute just got a bit shorter (Jan 2018)
- ◆ Interest on judgments and awards: Can your client collect? (Jan 2018)
- ◆ Vicarious liability bars contribution between principal defendants (Feb 2018)
- ◆ Sexual misconduct and Illinois civil procedure laws (Feb 2018)
- ◆ Trails, tribulations, and tort immunity: Then and now (Feb 2018)
- ◆ Antonicelli v. Rodriguez: Revisiting the impact of "good faith" settlements under the Joint Tortfeasor Contribution Act (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ General contractor not liable for injury to subcontractor's employee (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Illinois Supreme Court green lights social host liability case for fraternity hazing (May 2018)
- ◆ Dismissed but not finished: Amended complaint may name dismissed defendants as respondents in discovery (May 2018)
- ◆ Champerty, contingent fees, and client advocacy (May 2018)