



# 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](http://www.isba.org/sections)

## [Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored the following programs during the year:

- ◆ Preparing Your Witness for the Deposition (10/11/18)
- ◆ Second Biennial Illinois Appellate Practice Seminar (10/18/18)
- ◆ Civil Practice and Procedure Update: Pleadings, Motions, Discovery, and Resolving Cases through Settlement and Mediation (11/09/18)
- ◆ Technology at Trial (02/22/19)
- ◆ Blockchain 101: Technical Concepts, Legal and Business Issues (03/14/19)
- ◆ Seven Hot Litigation Practice Areas: Information to Successfully Represent Clients (03/29/19)
- ◆ Removal of a State Case to Federal Court and Back Again – Are You Prepared? (06/19/19)

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: 118
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. HB 2233 – Changes the special interrogatory statute
  - b. SB 181 – Post-judgment changes
  - c. PA 101-6 – Toxic torts statute of limitations

## [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 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 9 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ How to navigate conflicts between demands for confidentiality of discovery and settlement and indemnification—your duty to your client and the law (July 2018)
- ◆ Presumptions and powers of attorney (July 2018)
- ◆ Top 10 points on Illinois Supreme Court Rule 191 (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Self-authentication of electronic evidence (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Guardian ad litem negligence (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Orders of protection cases often involve surprises (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ What is the valuation standard for valuation of a minority interest in an Illinois LLC? (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Snow and ice: Natural and obvious? (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Contextual parentage (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Self-authentication of digital records: New Illinois Rule of Evidence 902(13) (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Court annexed mandatory arbitration pointers (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Does a guardian ad litem have immunity in a minor's guardianship proceeding? (Jan 2019)
- ◆ Medical testimony and the "reasonable degree of medical certainty" standard (Jan 2019)
- ◆ Will the real Jesse Gurley please accept service (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Illinois Supreme Court upholds 50/50 split on crossclaim for contribution by one 'blameless' principal of a common agent against another (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ A keepsake: The Due Process Clause in civil litigation—People v. Gawlak (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Lost text messages lead to sanctions (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Book review: 'Adjudicating Illinois: Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court' (June 2019)
- ◆ With a suggestion that the defendant is legally blind, can plaintiff get defendant's medical records? (June 2019)
- ◆ 'I didn't mean it!': Changing deposition testimony with errata sheets (June 2019)