



## Section on Criminal Law

### The Mission of the [ISBA Criminal Law Section](#):

To work for a system of criminal justice that fairly protects the accused, the accuser, and the public in general; to seek or oppose change, as considered appropriate, by legislative activity, recommendations on court rules and recommendations to agencies; and to educate and inform lawyers and the general public through newsletters, seminars and other appropriate channels of communication.

### General:

- ◆ Section fees are \$25 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to [www.isba.org/sections](http://www.isba.org/sections)

### [Continuing Legal Education](#)

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

- ◆ Hot Topics in Criminal Law in Illinois 2015 (Nov. 5, 2015)
- ◆ Illinois' New Criminal Procedure Law Implementing the Right to Consular Notification and Access – Effective January 1, 2016 – LIVE WEBCAST (Dec. 10, 2015)

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: 230
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. Senate Bill 2343 - Cell site simulator device
  - b. Senate Bill 2228 - Cannabis civil penalties
  - c. House Bill 2569 - Guilty pleas
  - d. Senate Bill 2907 - Property crimes
  - e. Senate Bill 3096 - Toxicology results

### [Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested. During 2015-16 the Section published three newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ Case notes (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ Editor's note (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Editor's note (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ HOUSE BILLS & RESOLUTIONS – Criminal, Juvenile & Traffic from the 99th General Assembly (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ SENATE BILLS – Criminal, Juvenile & Traffic from the 99th General Assembly (Nov. 2015)

### Other

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