



## 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 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 program(s) during the year:

- ◆ Digital Forensics in the Courtroom (5/30/17)
- ◆ Implicit Bias in the Criminal Justice System (1/13/17)

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: 489
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. House Bill 1804 - Stolen auto parts inference
  - b. Senate Bill 1830 - Expands the informant testimony procedure for capital cases
  - c. Senate Bill 3388 - Amends the Adult Redeploy Illinois Program

### [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:

- ◆ Sentence reduction legislation leaves defendants in limbo: What's a defendant to do? (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Text messages + suicide = involuntary manslaughter? Maybe. (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Plain and simple: The Illinois Supreme Court provides clarity for the burglary statute (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Despite the trial court's incorrect statement of the maximum potential sentencing admonishment, the trial court subsequently complied with Ill. Sup. Ct. R. 401(a) and the defendant made a voluntary, knowing, and intelligent waiver of counsel (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Illinois Supreme Court confirms Peterson conviction (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ The Illinois Supreme Court finds that a friends with benefits relationship does qualify for domestic relationship enhancements (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Void ab initio doctrine does not retroactively invalidate probable cause based on a statute later held unconstitutional on federal constitutional grounds or on state constitutional grounds subject to the limited lockstep doctrine (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ New laws from the House (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Fit to be tied: Unraveling the mysterious knots of fitness proceedings for criminal defendants (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ New hope for young adult gun offenders: 2018 AGG UYW First Offender Program (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ So you want to be a criminal defense lawyer? Here's what you should know! (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Busted with brownies? Illinois law turns chocolate into weed (June 2018)
- ◆ Curtilage and the Carroll Doctrine (June 2018)
- ◆ People v. Perkins and the right to pro se representation (June 2018)
- ◆ A public defender's office is not a 'law firm' for purposes of determining conflicts in multiple defendant cases (June 2018)