



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

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

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

- ◆ **Implicit Bias in the Criminal Justice System** (Jan. 13, 2017)
- ◆ **Digital Forensics in the Courtroom LIVE WEBCAST** (May 30, 2017)

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: 289
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 303 – Recording fees.
 - b. Public Act 100-1 – Bail Bond Reform
 - c. Senate Bill 1312 – The Veterans and Servicemembers Court Treatment Act.

[Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested.

During 2016-17 the Section published four newsletters.

Articles include:

- ◆ Case notes (Aug. 2016)
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- ◆ Evidence obtained after an illegal stop but subsequent to learning of an outstanding warrant for the detainee, is admissible (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ HOUSE BILLS—Criminal, Juvenile & Traffic (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Our evolving notion of what is an 'impartial jury' (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ *People v. Castleberry*: The death of the void-sentence rule (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ SENATE BILLS—Criminal, Juvenile & Traffic (Mar. 2017)

Other

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