



# Section on Education Law

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

To enhance the knowledge and professional capabilities of lawyers who are engaged in one or more aspects of school law whether from the perspective of a public or private educational institution or agency, school board or district, union or association, certified or non-certified employees and administrators, parents or guardians, students, taxpayers, or the public generally; to monitor developments and disseminate information on all relevant legal matters; to assist in the improvement of legal practices in school law-related areas; to study and recommend solutions to various problems involving school law; to study, prepare, make recommendations, oppose, or promote proposed legislation and regulation in the field; to explain the ramifications of legislation, regulations, or case law; to promote communication among lawyers in this field; and to present seminars, newsletters, and conferences in furtherance of these goals.

## 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:

- ◆ **Senate Bill 100: Sweeping Changes to Student Discipline in Illinois in 2016** (Dec. 51, 2016)
- ◆ **Co-Sponsor: Life After High School: Young Adults with Disabilities** (March 8, 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: 157
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. House Bill 261 - Educ-Homeless Child-Assistance
  - b. House Bill 332 - Student Data Privacy

## Other

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

## [Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested. During 2016-17 the Section published four newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ Case summaries (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Illinois Supreme Court finds PAC's "incorrect reading" of OMA "clear error" and other recent Open Meetings Act cases (May 2017)
- ◆ New FOIA decisions (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ New Illinois Public Acts (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ New Illinois Public Acts (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ New sick leave statute affects schools (May 2017)
- ◆ Practice note: *Andrew F. v. Douglas County School District RE-1* (May 2017)
- ◆ Recent education law cases (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ Supreme Court provides guidance on the use of race as a factor in university admissions (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ Texas judge puts temporary halt on recent transgender guidance (Sept. 2016)