



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 dues are \$30 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored the following program(s) during the year:

- ◆ **Vulnerable Students: A Review of Student Rights** (12/14/17)
- ◆ **Copyright and Student Records Issues in Education** (2/28/18)

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: 331
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 4242 - Amends the Freedom of Information Act
 - b. Senate Bill 3201 - Amends the Illinois School Student Records Act

[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:

- ◆ 2017 legislative update (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Legislative update part II (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ *Frakes v. Peoria School District No. 150* (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ What constitutes being a "public body" subject to the provisions of FOIA – *Better Government Association v. Illinois High School Association, et al.* (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Illinois State Board of Education public inquiry: Chicago Public Schools special education (June 2018)
- ◆ *A.H. v. Illinois High School Association* (7th Cir. 2018) (June 2018)
- ◆ Fiscal Year 2019 budget signed into law (June 2018)