



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 during the year:

- ◆ **Students in Transition: Guardianships and Discipline** (04/24/19)

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: 251
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. HB 2627 – Law enforcement interrogations of students
 - b. HB 277 – Failure of educator to report sex abuse
 - c. SB 117 – Changes procedures for destruction of student records

[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 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 4 newsletters.

Articles included:

- ◆ Additional state ethics act requirements add to the multitude of sexual harassment regulatory requirements for Illinois public colleges and universities (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Is peer mediation appropriate as a response to bullying? Public body violated FOIA by refusing to disclose records related to a city task force (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ New public acts (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Freedom From Religion Foundation v. Concord Community Schools (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ New public acts (continued) (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ New public acts (continued) (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ New leadership at State Board of Education (June 2019)
- ◆ Addressing the Illinois teacher shortage (June 2019)
- ◆ Legislative update (June 2019)