



## 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 one program during the year:

- ◆ **A Changing Landscape: Student Discipline 2016 – CHICAGO & LIVE WEBCAST** (Feb. 11, 2016)

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: 91
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. House Bill 4379 - Creates the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act
  - b. Senate Bill 2186 - School districts and zoning
  - c. House Bill 3190 - Pupil residency

### 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 2015-16 the Section published three newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ Another bullying case dismissed in federal court (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Court overturns PAC decision regarding what must be discussed prior to vote in public meeting (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Court overturns school board's rejection of teacher dismissal arbitration award in case of first impression (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Duty to bargain insertion of "do not hire" memos in employee files rejected by Supreme Court (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Emotional support animals on campus (June 2016)
- ◆ In re pension reform litigation (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ New public Acts (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ PAC issues advisory opinion regarding collective bargaining meetings (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ Seventh Circuit finds that Chicago principal was not terminated due to his age (June 2016)
- ◆ Seventh Circuit rejects teacher's challenge to district policy on use of racial epithets in classroom (June 2016)
- ◆ Summary of new Illinois education laws effective January 1, 2016 (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Transgender issues in schools and the workplace: Personal records (June 2016)