



Section on Elder Law

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

To inform and advise the members of the bar whose practice involves representing older persons in such areas as estate planning, public benefits, nursing home residents' rights, elder abuse, age discrimination, real estate issues, senior housing and guardianship; to review and make recommendations regarding proposed legislation that may affect older persons; to promote the legal rights of older persons to enjoy their communities, families, and lives to the fullest extent possible and to inform older persons of these rights; and to provide a forum for the exchange of views and information in furtherance of these goals.

General:

- ◆ Section fees are \$25 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored or co-sponsored one program during the year:

- ◆ **3rd Annual Elder Law Bootcamp** (April 21-22, 2016)

Section members also receive discounts on section-sponsored CLE programs.

[Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested. During 2015-16 the Section published three newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ A beginner's guide to common elder law tax traps (June 2016)
- ◆ Don't forget dad! Short-term guardianships aren't just for the kids (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ Elder law desk reference: 2016 numbers and statistics (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ Instructions for your caregiver's activity, time & expense record (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ The need for pro bono & how you can help (Dec. 2015)

[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: 37
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 4648 - Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act (2015)
 - b. House Bill 5924 - Personal guardian
 - c. House Bill 5607 - Unclaimed U.S. savings bonds
 - d. House Bill 4633 - Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act

Other

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