



# Section on Environmental Law

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

To monitor developments in the environmental law field and disseminate topical information through newsletters and seminars to lawyers and business, industrial, governmental, and agricultural interests; to evaluate and make recommendations regarding existing and proposed legislation and regulations in the environmental law field; to enhance the professional capabilities of members of the bar who engage in the practice of environmental law; and, to promote the responsible utilization of the environment that fairly protects the interests of present and future generations.

## 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 four programs during the year:

- ◆ **Navigating a Section 31 Enforcement Case – LIVE WEBCAST** (Oct. 22, 2015)
- ◆ **Environmental Law for the General Practitioner: A Thumbnail Sketch of Environmental Law – LIVE WEBCAST** (April 7, 2016)
- ◆ **Environmental Law for the General Practitioner: Solid Waste Disposal Under the Illinois Environmental Protection Act – LIVE WEBCAST** (April 7, 2016)
- ◆ **15th Annual Environmental Law Conference** (May 5-6, 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: 26
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. Senate Bill 2950 - Pollution Control Board
  - b. Senate Bill 1673 - EPA rulemaking

## [Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested.

During 2015-16 the Section published three newsletters.

Articles include:

- ◆ CERCLA and the Supreme Court (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ CERCLA's contribution protection guidances: A problematic policy that may violate due process (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Competing approaches for adjusting non-settling CERCLA defendants' liability in contribution claims (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Editor's notes (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Environmental insurance alert—Change to evidence rules threatens policyholders' ability to recover under historic insurance policies (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Free Environmental CLE for ISBA members (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ How to counsel your client so that you both survive a regulatory inspection (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ LUST at 27: The Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund and the incredibly invisible indemnification provisions (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Professional development opportunities (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Studio Session on Section 31 Enforcement (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Upcoming Professional Development Luncheon (Apr. 2016)

## Other

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