



# 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:

- ◆ **Environmental Law for the General Practitioner: Fundamentals on Handling Hazardous Waste** (Nov. 30, 2016)
- ◆ **Environmental Law for the General Practitioner: A Thumbnail Sketch of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation & Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund)** (Nov. 30, 2016)
- ◆ **The Evolution of the Modern Public Trust on Lake Michigan Beaches: From Illinois Central to Gunderson** (March 9, 2017)
- ◆ **16th Annual Environmental Law Conference** (May 4-5, 2017)

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: 50
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. House Bill 2880 - Construction-Demolition Debris
  - b. House Bill 2770 - Epa-Groundwater-Debris

## [Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested.

During 2016-17 the Section published four newsletters.

Articles include:

- ◆ The 2015 RCRA Solid Waste Rule and the 2016 TSCA Reform (The Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act) (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ Environmental basics revisited: A look at Northern Illinois Service Company v. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ Federal court addresses Clean Water Act jurisdiction (May 2017)
- ◆ Industrial Growth Zones Program established through collaborative efforts of the City of Chicago and Cook County (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Key post acquisition obligations for BFPPs (May 2017)
- ◆ A look at *National Waste and Recycling Association v. County of Cook*: How much authority does a local government have over environmental issues (May 2017)
- ◆ Opportunities for inexpensive environmental law CLE (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ Senate Bill 1673: The General Assembly's attempt to cut and paste federal "water quality standards variance" provisions into Illinois law (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Significant 2015 federal court decisions in environmental law (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ Summary of the Clean Water Rule (CWR): Definition of "Waters of the United States" (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Temporary nuisance production agriculture in the cross-hairs again (Nov 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.