



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 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:

- ◆ 18th Annual Environmental Law Conference (05/09/19-05/10/19)

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: 102
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. HB 337 – Auto Dialer – caller ID – consent
 - b. HB 1582 – Broadband Procurement and Disclosure Act
 - c. HB 2988 – Local Wind Energy Regulation

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 5 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Ninth Circuit expands the reach of the Clean Water Act (July 2018)
- ◆ The destructive effects of farm subsidies on animals and the environment: Part One – Our national farm subsidy system (July 2018)
- ◆ The destructive effects of farm subsidies on animals and the environment: Part two – CAFOs and their alternatives (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ A look at People v. Nagle Station, LLC: Is intervention possible in environmental enforcement actions? (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ The dicamba herbicide duels: When law, politics, and science collide (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Dicamba lawsuits (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ A license to pollute? People v. Sterigenics (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ The Great Lakes Legacy Act: History and implementation 2002-2018 (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Illinois Supreme Court will decide dispute between Pollution Control Board and Illinois EPA (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ New owner of contaminated property is liable for cleanup costs incurred before the purchase (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ In America, we make things—that is what we do: How PFAS became the acronym du jour (May 2019)
- ◆ How to become a food lawyer: A smörgåsbord of tips from a seasoned practitioner (May 2019)