



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(s) during the year:

- ◆ Environmental Law for the General Practitioner: Storm Water Regulation Under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) (2/1/18)
- ◆ 17th Annual Environmental Law Conference (5/3/18-5/4/18)
- ◆ Implicit Bias in the Workplace (Part of the 17th Annual Environmental Law Conference) (5/4/18)

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

[Newsletters](#)

During the 2017-18 bar year, the Section published 4 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ CERCLA liability for air emissions? Ninth Circuit says no, denies petition for en banc rehearing (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Hazardous waste developments in the retail context (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Summary of Public Acts from the 99th Illinois General Assembly (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ The legislative history of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ Landlord beware (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ Comparison of public trust and private rights on the shores of the Great Lakes (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ EPA seeks public comments for Lead and Copper Rule Federalism Consultation (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ EPA launches Smart Sectors Program (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ What color is your contract? (Mar. 2018)

[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: 77
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 5299 - Illinois EPA must notify the Illinois Attorney General of violations
 - b. Senate Bill 3005 - Amends the Administrative Review Law of the Code of Civil Procedure

[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.