



# Section on Family Law

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

To encourage and support a high level of professional and ethical commitment and expertise among those who practice family law in all its substantive branches; to remain sensitive to the changing needs and mores of families and individual family members in our society; to respond through reasoned efforts directed toward the appropriate branch of government, and bar and/or the public; and to accomplish understanding of the law as it exists and is applied, or change of that law, where it is needed.

## General:

- ◆ Section dues are \$30 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to [www.isba.org/sections](http://www.isba.org/sections)

## [Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored the following programs during the year:

- ◆ Family Law Update 2018 (09/14/18)
- ◆ Family Law Update 2019: A French Quarter Festival (04/04/19-04/05/19)

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: 43
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. HB 185 – Equal parenting presumption
  - b. SB 1473 – Driver's license and child support
  - c. HB 2186 – IMDMA relocation changes

## 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 11 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Chair's column (July 2018)
- ◆ Emergency planning for lawyers (July 2018)
- ◆ Chair's column (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Chair's column (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Not so fast, Buddy—Retirement and termination of maintenance (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ In re Marriage of Hodges: Equitable estoppel revisited (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Alleging and defending dissipation: Cheating, gambling, and jet-setting—oh my! (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Chair's column (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ The new maintenance formula and other modifications to section 504 (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ New programs in Cook County's Domestic Relations Division (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Chair's' column (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ 'Fee,' fie, foe ... fee? Fee awards under 750 ILCS 5/508(a) (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Enforcement of prenuptial agreements following Kranzler and Woodrum (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Chair's column (Jan 2019)
- ◆ Creating an ethical and professional practice via office support staff (Jan 2019)
- ◆ Chair's column (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Is it income? Depends who is counting (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Seeking decision-making after an award of child support in parentage cases (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Happy March, and almost spring! (Hopefully.) (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Is cryptocurrency the new Swiss bank account? (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Pro se may be a solution, but it's also a symptom: A response to The Atlantic's 'The DIY Divorce' (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Unintended consequences (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Does the decree provide for long-term success and stability? (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ A few things to consider when your client or opposing party is an Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services client (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ The use of document assembly software in family law (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Salvatore gums up child support modifications with new 'what was contemplated?' analysis (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Meet your incoming chair (May 2019)
- ◆ Tips from an international family lawyer (May 2019)
- ◆ Another playing field to level (May 2019)
- ◆ Chair's column (June 2019)
- ◆ A note from the incoming chair (June 2019)
- ◆ Beware! Drafting tips for post-Jan. 1, 2019 maintenance modification orders (June 2019)
- ◆ Illinois Supreme Court reaffirms the continued viability of Eckert in relocation cases after the 2016 statutory amendments (June 2019)
- ◆ Burned out? Overwhelmed? Meet Dr. Diana Uchiyama and the Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program (June 2019)