



# 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 program(s) during the year:

- ◆ Family Law “How To” Series: 37 Preparation for Mediation/Parental Allocation Issues (7/27/17)
- ◆ Family Law “Hot To” Series: 45 Parental Allocation (8/10/17)
- ◆ Family Law “How To” Series: #55 Dissipation (8/15/17)
- ◆ Family Law “How To” Series: 15 Party Depositions (8/23/17)
- ◆ Family Law “How To” Series: 56 Maintenance (12/13/17)
- ◆ Family Law “How To” recording 57: Property Division (2/13/18)

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

## [Newsletters](#)

During the 2017-18 bar year, the Section published 11 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ New income shares guidelines: Benefit or detriment to your client? (July 2017)
- ◆ Chair’s column (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Defining net income under an income shares model (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Does our rule for publication violate due process? (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Chair’s column: Take a break (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Postnuptial agreements: An effective tool in Illinois after marriage (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Stock options & restricted stock in divorce cases (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ 750 ILCS 5/602.9 is facially unconstitutional (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Chair’s column: Be kind, rewind (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ 3 most common types of exhibits in Order of Protection cases and how to get them admitted (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ Changes to the maintenance statute and case law in Illinois (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ Chair’s column (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Why does maintenance terminate upon remarriage? (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Doing the deed: Some property-related tips for divorcing couples (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Chair’s column (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ It’s a modern world (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ “Get a job, honey”—Imputing income to maintenance recipients (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Chair’s column (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ IRMO of Goesel: The Supremes have spoken! (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ New maintenance guidelines for divorcing spouses (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ Making the record (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ Chair’s column (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ New federal tax implications on maintenance payors and recipients (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Editor’s column (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ HB 4113 – A giant step backwards (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Use of short-term guardianships to temporarily delegate parental decision-making (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Chair’s column (Mar. 2018)
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- ◆ Pet custody is coming to Illinois: Who will get Fido in the divorce? (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Chair’s column (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ Mandatory Acknowledgement of Marital Responsibilities (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ Personal goodwill: Can we limit the subjectivity? (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ Chair’s column (June 2018)
- ◆ Parents are parents, right? (June 2018)
- ◆ Procrastination in the age of e-filing (June 2018)
- ◆ Equitable estoppel (June 2018)
- ◆ My life as a guardian ad litem and children’s representative—so far, quite good! (June 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: 58
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. SB 2437 - Voids insurance policies that name former spouses as beneficiaries after divorce
  - b. SB 2289 - Reconciles maintenance guidelines for federal law that repeals the alimony tax deduction for all cases after January 1, 2019

## [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