



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 fees are \$25 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored or co-sponsored several programs. These include:

- ◆ **Family Law Table Clinic Series**
 - ◆ Series 1 (Sept 15, 2016)
 - ◆ Series 2 (Nov. 17, 2016)
 - ◆ Series 3 (Jan. 26, 2017)
 - ◆ Series 4 (March 2, 2017)
 - ◆ Series 5 (May 18, 2017)
- ◆ **Family Law Update 2017: A French Quarter Festival** (March 9-10, 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: 28
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 2537 – Maintenance guidelines revision
 - b. Senate Bill 67 - Collaborative Process Act
 - c. Senate Bill 69 - Child support

Other

- ◆ [The Family Law Discussion Group](#) allows section members to pose questions and share information with fellow section members from around the state.

[Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested. During 2016-17 the Section published 11 newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ The 2016 technical corrections to the Parentage Act of 2015 (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Admissibility of school report cards (July 2016)
- ◆ Chairman's column (July 2016)
- ◆ Chairman's column (June 2017)
- ◆ Chair's column: Amendment to Section 504 of the IMDMA (May 2017)
- ◆ Chair's column: Keep it simple (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Chair's column: Pride in section accomplishments (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Chair's column: The conundrum of client relations in family law (Feb. 2017)
- ◆ Chair's column: A new era for family law in Illinois (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Chair's column: An action brought pursuant to the IMDMA is a civil proceeding (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ Chair's column: Is it midyear already? (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ Chair's column: The challenges of family law practice (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Computation of basic child support obligation (May 2017)
- ◆ Dealing with difficult clients: Is it worth it? (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ Dissipation: Thinking outside the box (June 2017)
- ◆ Dissipation of assets under the 2016 IMDMA (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ Division of retirement assets series, Part I: Marital vs. non-marital – Don't mix them up! (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Division of retirement assets series, part II: Issues affecting QILDROs (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ Divorcing a narcissist (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Domestic Relations Division consolidation (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Five traits of a successful family law attorney (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Guiding clients through the battle: Answering questions that keep divorcing couples up at night (Feb. 2017)
- ◆ Hot topics in family law! (June 2017)
- ◆ Is it too soon to tell? What should happen to cryopreserved embryos in dissolution of marriage/separation cases (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Location, location, location: All you really need to know about disgorgement of fees (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ Military pension division and the 2017 radical rewrite (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ Motions in non-jury cases for judgment at the close of the plaintiff's evidence (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Never say never—Just almost never: Equitable defenses to back child support claims (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ New statutes, new clients, new work (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ New study finds seasonal increases in divorce (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Parties must now file parenting plans even in the slightest modification proceedings (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ The perils of joint custody revisited under a new Act: Is it something or nothing? (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ Polishing the new IMDMA (July 2016)
- ◆ Summary of Senate Bill 69— The technical corrections to the income share child support legislation (Mar. 2017)
 - ◆ To disgorge or not to disgorge? (Dec. 2016)
 - ◆ What family law practitioners need to know about cyberstalking (May 2017)
 - ◆ What needs to be in a good order of protection petition? (Mar. 2017)
 - ◆ What you don't know about drug and alcohol testing may be harming your clients (and you as well) (Sept. 2016)
 - ◆ When to award attorney fees in divorce cases according to the Illinois Supreme Court (Apr. 2017)