



Section on Federal Civil Practice

The Mission of the [ISBA Federal Civil Practice Section](#):

To enhance knowledge and professional capabilities of lawyers who devote time to the practice of civil law in the United States District Courts in Illinois; to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among and between practitioners and federal judges; to review and make recommendations concerning federal legislation and proposed changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and federal district court rules which affect federal civil practice; and to promote communication through presentation of seminars and preparation of newsletters.

General:

- ◆ Section dues are \$30 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

[Legislation](#)

The Section Council reviews proposed legislation that may affect their members' practice area.

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 4 newsletters.
Articles included:**

- ◆ Northern District Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project passes one-year mark (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Dec. 1, 2018 amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ The Seventh Circuit Electronic Discovery Pilot Program gets new name, website (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Pattern civil jury instructions for the seventh circuit (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Courts weigh in on judicial notice (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Billable hours: The necessary vs. the not so necessary (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ I am appointing you to handle a 2255 case (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ The northern district's MIDP in cases removed from state court (June 2019)
- ◆ Supreme Court signals continued concern about cy pres awards in class actions (June 2019)
- ◆ Filing under seal in federal court: A suggestion for reform (June 2019)