



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

Continuing Legal Education

The Section sponsored or co-sponsored two programs during the year:

- ◆ **Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56: Summary Judgment – A Refresher** (Oct. 26, 2016)
- ◆ **Settlement in Federal Court Cases** (May 10, 2017)

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

Newsletters

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

- ◆ The effects of the December 1, 2015 amendments from one judge's perspective (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ The Federal Arbitration Act versus the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: The future of arbitration clauses banning class action lawsuits (June 2017)
- ◆ An introduction to Section 1983 claims in prisoner litigation (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ Lost Electronically Stored Information (ESI) (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ The mystery behind electronically stored information discovery objections (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Operating under the amended Federal Rules 16 and 26 of Civil Procedure: A plaintiff's lawyer's perspective (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ The question of possession, custody, or control in production (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Upcoming amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence (June 2017)
- ◆ What federal Magistrate Judges do and why they can or can't do it (Apr. 2017)

Legislation

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

Other

- ◆ **[The ISBA Federal Civil Practice Discussion List](#)** allows section members to pose questions and share information with fellow section members from around the state.