



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

Section members receive discounts on section-sponsored CLE programs.

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.

Newsletters

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested. During 2015-16 the Section published four newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ 7th Circuit E-Discovery Pilot Program": Mediation Program (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Batson turns 30 but still has growing pains (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ The Defend Trade Secrets Act—New employer rights and responsibilities (June 2016)
- ◆ Employer fails in bid for removal under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (June 2016)
- ◆ Final pretrial practice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(e) and the local rules of the Southern, Central, and Northern Districts of Illinois (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Judicial profile: Manish Shah (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Juries, voir dire, and jury instructions: The fundamental parts of every civil federal jury trial (June 2016)
- ◆ Juror not disqualified by mistaken belief as to the law (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Mooting ahead of class certification after *Campbell-Ewald Co. v. Gomez* (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ The new Rules of Federal Procedure—They're here (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ Post-trial motions—Did the jury get it right? (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Recent developments in the Seventh Circuit's class action jurisprudence: Not as pro-plaintiff as they first appear (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ The Seventh Circuit Electronic Discovery Pilot Program: The first seven years (June 2016)
- ◆ So you've been asked to take a prisoner litigation case (June 2016)
- ◆ Summary judgment motion practice in the Central and Southern districts (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ Summary judgment motion practice in the Northern District of Illinois (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ The summary judgment motion—The strategic decisions you need to make (Feb. 2016)