



Section on General Practice, Solo & Small Firm

The Mission of the ISBA General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section:

To promote professional excellence among those engaged in the general practice of law through education relating to substantive legal practice areas; and by providing opportunities for the exchange of information particularly pertinent to the needs of solo and small firm practitioners.

General:

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

Continuing Legal Education

The Section sponsored the following program(s) during the year:

- ◆ Starting Your Law Practice (1/25/18)
- ◆ Professionalism 2018: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Impacting Lawyers, and Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession (3/21/18)
- ◆ General Practice Update 2018: Quincy Regional Event (3/23/18)

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: 136
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 4594 - Overhauls criminal and civil fines and costs
 - b. House Bill 4752 - Terms for settlements in actions for damages for personal injury based on childhood sexual abuse
 - c. House Bill 5188 - Amends the Conveyances Act

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 2017-18 bar year, the Section published 3 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Incoming Chair's column: An introduction and welcome to the 2017-2018 bar year (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Out-going Chair's column (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Champ Davis selected as recipient of 2017 Matthew Maloney Tradition of Excellence Award (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Estate planning during dissolution proceedings (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Chair's column: Be prepared—Succession and transition planning (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ ISBA takes on lawyer succession and transition planning (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Chair's column (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ E-mail: Why can't I keep my free account? (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Golden nuggets in marijuana decision (Feb. 2018)