



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

Continuing Legal Education

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

- ◆ **Nuts & Bolts of the Firearm Concealed Carry Act** (March 17, 2016)
- ◆ **General Practice Update 2016: Quincy Regional Event** (March 18, 2016)
- ◆ **Co-Sponsor: 3rd Annual Elder Law Bootcamp** (April 21-22, 2016)
- ◆ **Illinois Appellate Practice: What Every Lawyer Should Know** (April 29, 2016)

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: 19
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 3982 - Income shares and child support
 - b. Senate Bill 2845 - Supplementary proceedings
 - c. House Bill 4648 - Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act (2015)

Newsletters

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

- ◆ The ACLU's Illinois Judicial Bypass Coordination Project (July 2016)
- ◆ Advising clients on home inspector's limitation of liability (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Appellate court affirms exclusion of subchapter S corporation retained earnings from majority shareholder's child support calculation and describes relevant factors (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Are we relevant to your practice? (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Best practices for private attorneys defending juveniles, or, the top 10 tips for juvenile representation (May 2016)
- ◆ Chair's column (July 2016)
- ◆ Editor's Column: iPad Pro – expensive but worth it if it meets your needs! Two versions to choose from (July 2016)
- ◆ Great research tool— The ISBA Web site is new and improved! (July 2016)
- ◆ Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program (May 2016)
- ◆ Illinois' new small estate affidavit (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ Immediate Past Chair's column (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ It's that time of year again... (May 2016)
- ◆ License grant—A licensee's perspective (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Limiting percentage of rental units in condominium association may help retain property values (May 2016)
- ◆ New 'office away from the office' especially for the small, non-downtown firms (July 2016)
- ◆ New year, new you? Will 2016 differ from 2015? (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ Pharmacist dispensing error...Is a 622 affidavit required? (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ A primer on perfecting and enforcing attorneys' liens (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ Tradition of Excellence Award (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ Understanding and Protecting Fathers' Rights (July 2016)
- ◆ Welcome to the 2015-2016 General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ The world keeps changing—Or does history repeat itself? (Sept. 2015)

Other

- ◆ [The ISBA General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Discussion List](#) allows section members to pose questions and share information with fellow section members from around the state.