



Section on Human Rights

The Mission of the [ISBA Human Rights Section](#):

The Human Rights Section Council's mission is to educate the people of Illinois about their human rights and the human rights of others; inform the people of Illinois about the impact on such rights by existing or proposed laws, and the policies and actions of governments or other actors; assist the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) membership in understanding and protecting the human rights of their clients; encourage solidarity between the Illinois bar and all members of the national and international legal profession as a means of strengthening human rights and the rule of law; advise the ISBA on issues related to human rights; and to promote the legal recognition and protection of human rights.

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. Highlights of the most recent legislative session include:

1. Number of bills reviewed: 43
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. Senate Bill 20 - Changes to discrimination filings
 - b. House Bill 4572 - Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act

[Newsletters](#)

During the 2017-18 bar year, the Section published 2 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Remarks from the Editor (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Sessions v. Morales-Santana: Gender-based classifications in the Immigration and Nationality Act struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Sale to I.D.-carrying buyers only: A violation of human rights? (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ The winner of the Gertz Award (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ A call for downstate bail reform (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Fourteenth Amendment: The world's first human rights law (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ The ongoing saga of sexual harassment (Dec. 2017)

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.