



# 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 fees are \$25 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to [www.isba.org/sections](http://www.isba.org/sections)

## [Continuing Legal Education](#)

Section members receive discounts on section-sponsored CLE programs.

## [Newsletters](#)

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

- ◆ *Bills, Quills and Stills* offers something for everyone, but most of all the serious scholar (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Case review: *Castillo v. Dep't of Human Rights* (Sept. 2015)  
Despite recent progress, criminal records remain a neglected human rights issue (June 2016)
- ◆ Don't go to federal court if you are claiming employment for sexual orientation (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ From the editor (June 2016)
- ◆ From the editor (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ From the Chair (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Getting schooled on sex and gender (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ Human trafficking and sex trafficking: An update on what Illinois and the federal government are doing (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ Illinois appellate court takes position on special immigrant juvenile petition (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ The Illinois Youth Mental Health Protection Act: Protecting Illinois youth from the quack science of conversion therapy (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ Inevitable horrors: Sexual assault in prison (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ Introduction to restorative justice (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ Nobel Peace Prize of 2015 (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ Out of touch: *Shelby County v. Holder* and the callous effects of Chief Justice Roberts' equal state sovereignty (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Sanctity of jury process upheld (June 2016)
- ◆ Title VII, discrimination and LGBT persons (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ Transgender: A legal issue (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ When the Pope speaks (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ When the U.S. Supreme Court speaks... (Mar. 2016)

## [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. Senate Bill 2164 - Religious Freedom Defense Act
  - b. Senate Bill 2506 - Human Rights Act
  - c. Senate Bill 3286 - Juries and unlawful discrimination

## Other

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