



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: 31
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. SB 220 – Human Rights Act and real estate transactions
 - b. SB 1378 – Jury Act – prohibits discrimination because of sexual orientation
 - c. HB 834 – Equal Pay Act of 2003 and past salary information

[Newsletters](#)

During the 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 5 newsletters.

Articles included:

- ◆ Chair's column (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ Janus v. AFSCME (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ Comments from the chair (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Recent amendments to the Illinois Human Rights Act (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ A human rights decision in disguise? (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ What about the children? A glance into the treatment of immigrant minors forcibly separated from their families (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ The United States left the Human Rights Council.... So what? (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ The Gertz Award (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Cases to watch (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Juliana v. United States: The constitutional side of the fight against climate change (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ A modern-day dual sword of Damocles: The current threat looming over sanctuary cities (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Chair's column (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Timbs v. Indiana: U.S. Supreme Court rules unanimously it's unconstitutional for states to impose excessive fines (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ ConTextos provides creative outlet for pre-trial detainees (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Wondering what your section council is up to? Find out at our next meeting (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Meet the section council (June 2019)
- ◆ The census citizenship question (June 2019)
- ◆ Review of 'Doing Justice: A Prosecutor's Thoughts on Crime, Punishment, and the Rule of Law' by Preet Bharara (June 2019)

[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.