



Section on Intellectual Property

The Mission of the [ISBA Intellectual Property Section](#):

To enhance the professional capabilities of Illinois lawyers who devote their time specially to the practice of patent, trademark and copyright law and associated areas concerning trade secrets, unfair competition and antitrust law; to disseminate information about these areas of law to other lawyers and to interested businesspersons, authors and inventors, particularly as such information may affect their practices and the manner in which they conduct their affairs in Illinois, or nationally and internationally; to promote improvement in the applicability of the principals pertaining to these areas of law, especially through legislative efforts; and to facilitate communication among Illinois lawyers concerned with these areas of law.

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:

- ◆ Clearing the Skies: How to Fly with the Mandatory Initial Pilot Program (1/17/18)
- ◆ Six Months to GDPR – Ready or Not? (1/11/18)

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: 34
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. Senate Bill 3053 - Amends the Biometric Information Privacy Act
 - b. House Bill 4367 - Amends the Personal Information Protection 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 4 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Sandoz v. Amgen: The Supreme Court makes its first decision on biosimilars (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Will the Northern District of Illinois' Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot program end copyright trolling in the District? (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ A ruse by any other name: Normalizing trademark infringement by domain name sabotage (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Taking back (the Eastern District of) Texas: Judge Gilstrap broadens the definition of venue in patent cases in Raytheon Co. v. Cray Inc. (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Simple IP evaluations (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Mohawk sovereign immunity tactic vs. inter party review (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Helsinn v. Teva: The America Invents Act on "sale" (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Pirate Joe sails away (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ The new rule for privilege in PTAB trials (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Brief summary of precedential patent case law for October 2017 (13 Sept-11 Oct) (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Intellectual Improbabilities™ (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ What is GDPR? (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ "Pomodoro" is a trademark: Consumer perception prevails over dictionary definition (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Ready, Illinois? Cracking the code on eSports (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Stop the music? Spotify sued for \$1.6 billion (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Intellectual Improbabilities™ (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Seventh Circuit: Personal jurisdiction over a defendant cannot be established merely by an allegation of deliberate infringement of a trademark owned by a forum entity (June 2018)
- ◆ Hold the Mayo: Vanda ruling reviews patent subject matter eligibility (June 2018)
- ◆ Canada looks to foster innovation, business growth with new IP strategy (June 2018)
- ◆ Intellectual improbabilities™ (June 2018)