



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

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

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

- ◆ **Mining Data & Privacy: A Primer – Chicago & Live Webcast** (Sept. 10, 2015)
- ◆ **Legal Issues Surrounding Social Media: Trademark, Employment Law, Trial Issues, and Ethics – LIVE WEBCAST** (March 24, 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: 1
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. Senate Bill 2887- Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act

Other

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

[Newsletters](#)

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

- ◆ A discussion of facial recognition technology, interactive displays and recent legal developments (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Ethical issues for business and intellectual property lawyers (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Five considerations for drafting an online privacy policy (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ From the Chair (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Intellectual Improbabilities™ (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Intellectual Improbabilities™ (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ Know when to stop wasting money on trademark litigation (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Life extension for lesser-known works (July 2015)
- ◆ Literary estates for the not-so-rich and famous: Making sure the author is not forgotten (and not unrewarded) - Part I (July 2015)
- ◆ An open letter to the sponsors of the revised Defend Trade Secrets Act (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ Taking a default (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Update from TM5 at the INTA 137th Annual Meeting (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ Use your trademark consistently or it will be weak: WD-40 in the crosshair (Aug. 2015)