



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 during the year:

- ◆ Alternative Dispute Resolution in Intellectual Property Cases (02/05/18)

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: 12
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. HB 2540 – Blockchain Business Development Act
 - B. SB 1507 – Civil Remedies for nonconsensual Private Sexual Images 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 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 4 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Five steps you can take starting today to get ready for new noncompete legislation (Massachusetts) (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ New Massachusetts trade secret laws effective October 1, 2018 (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Locking PDPA's floodgates: My Digital Lock Pte. Ltd. (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ USPTO gives patent examiners new subject matter eligibility guidelines following Vanda (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Data transparency label (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Intellectual improbabilities™ (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Code Revision Commission v. Public.Resource.Org: Copyright of laws and public works (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Taming the trolls (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Podcaster sued for copyright infringement for using music without permission (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ New federal government ruling approves companies' employment policies (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Noncompetes: consideration, peppered with confusion (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Intellectual Improbabilities™ (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ SCOTUS maintains a waiting game for copyright: Resolving a circuit split, SCOTUS requires registration of copyright before suit (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Licensing arrangements for branded restaurants in luxury hotels: Considerations for hotel owners, operators, and restaurateurs (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Privatization problems at public colleges and universities (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Intellectual improbabilities™ (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ American beer giants Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors clash over Super Bowl advertisement and corn syrup usage (June 2019)
- ◆ The Music Modernization Act, the Mechanical Licensing Collective, and the Open Music Initiative: The need for collaboration (June 2019)
- ◆ Quick Takes for Your Practice: Intellectual property basics—patents (June 2019)
- ◆ Intellectual improbabilities™ (June 2019)