



# 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](http://www.isba.org/sections)

## [Continuing Legal Education](#)

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

- ◆ **Monetizing Intellectual Property** (Sept. 8, 2016)
- ◆ **Cybersecurity: Protecting Your Clients and Your Firm** (Feb. 1, 2017)

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: 14
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. House Bill 621 - Fiduciary Access-Digital Asset
  - b. House Bill 3449 - Geolocation Privacy Protection
  - c. Senate Bill 1502 - Right To Know 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 2016-17 the Section published five newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ Ethical quandaries: What to do when your collaborator/artist/agent/publisher becomes an adversary (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Federal Circuit clarifies injury-in-fact requirement for standing after PTAB proceedings (June 2017)
- ◆ First copyright principles for the First Lady's speech (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ *Galvin v. Illinois Republican Party* highlights the Seventh Circuit's mistreatment of satire in copyright law (July 2016)
- ◆ How will the FRCP's amendments affect BitTorrent litigation? (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Intellectual Improbabilities (July 2016)
- ◆ Intellectual Improbabilities™ (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Intellectual Improbabilities™ (June 2017)
- ◆ Intellectual Improbabilities™ (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Musicians vs. politicians – The saga continues (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ President Obama signs the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016: New Protections for Trade Secrets, and new protections for employees subject to non-compete agreements (July 2016)
- ◆ Quick summaries of five recent copyright cases (July 2016)
- ◆ Rembrandt, AI, and 3-D printing: Has forgery been perfected? (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Repairing disparagement: A slant on language and trademarks (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ *Sandoz v. Amgen*: Biosimilars arrive at the Supreme Court (June 2017)
- ◆ Saudi Arabia: Final step towards Regional Trademark Law (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Supreme Court potentially slashes design patent value: damages could be limited to individual components (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Ten cybersecurity tips for lawyers (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Top 10 tips on data security: Take two (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Trademark infringement for unicorn beverages is no fantasy (June 2017)