



Section on Local Government Law

The Mission of the [ISBA Local Government Law Section](#):

To enhance the knowledge and professional capabilities of lawyers who devote time to the practice of the law relating to units of local government; to disseminate information and comment on legislative and judicial developments and their impact on units of local government; to make recommendations on legislation; and to develop and communicate ideas to improve the functioning of units of local government.

General:

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

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored one program during the year:

- ◆ **Economic Development in Your Community: Learn from the Leaders** (March 15, 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: 221
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. Senate Bill 584 - Admin Review-Notice; Parties
 - b. House Bill 2349 - Public Duty Rule Codification
 - c. House Bill 4003 - FOIA-Commercial Purpose-Limit

Other

- ◆ [The ISBA Local Government Law 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 seven newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ Administrative inspection warrants and pursuing the demolition, repair, enclosure, or remediation of unsafe buildings pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1 (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ Board members should talk more! Open Meetings Act violation for failure to provide a sufficient public recital of the key facts of an agenda item before voting (Feb. 2017)
- ◆ Case summaries (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Case summaries (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Illinois enacts new requirements for expense reimbursement of local government employees and officials (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Intergovernmental conflict: Ambiguity in the codification of Gurba (Feb. 2017)
- ◆ Officials not entitled to qualified immunity in First Amendment retaliation claim (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ The power of an Inspector General to seek information from a separately elected county official— *Blanchard v. Berrios* (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Recent PAC opinions and materials (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Second District Appellate Court determines that the PTELL rules over all (July 2016)
- ◆ Section stances on significant legislation (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Townships—Government closest to the people (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Walking a tightrope: Navigating panhandling regulation in light of *Reed v. Gilbert* (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ What next: Enforcing an administrative adjudication order (July 2016)