



Section on Mineral Law

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

To inform and advise the members of the bar on current developments in mineral law; to monitor and comment upon state and federal legislation and regulations affecting minerals and their development; to propose remedial legislation in areas of perceived need; to encourage formal legal education in mineral law; to promote continuing legal education through publications, conferences and seminars; and to provide a forum for consideration of and comment upon current issues in the field of mineral law.

General:

- ◆ Section dues are \$30 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

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: 27
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 4920 - Proceeds from mineral sales are income for oil or gas companies
 - b. House Bill 4400 - Reinstates tax exemption for oil-field exploration, drilling, and production equipment

Newsletters

During the 2017-18 bar year, the Section published 4 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Comments from the Editor (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Comments from the Editor (Dec 2017)
- ◆ Proposed amendment to the Illinois Hydraulic Fracturing Tax Act (Dec 2017)
- ◆ Oil and gas mortgagees beware (Dec 2017)
- ◆ The Illinois coal industry: Where it's been, where it is, and where it's (maybe) going (Dec 2017)
- ◆ Comments from the Editor (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Clear and unambiguous: "All" means all (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Headwinds for the U.S. coal industry and what it means for Illinois (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ 2018 legislative report (June 2018)
- ◆ Revised IDNR regulations (June 2018)
- ◆ Illinois coal production increases (June 2018)
- ◆ Coal industry finding help in Washington, but how much will the industry benefit? (June 2018)

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.