The Mission of the ISBA Real Estate Law Section:
To enhance the ability of general practitioners and those concentrating in real estate law by promoting communication among lawyers statewide; disseminating information on current developments in real estate law and practice; participating in continuing legal education programs in the real estate law area; review and promotion of legislation and procedural changes affecting real estate law and practice; education of the lay public in the rights and procedures connected with the purchase, leasing and ownership of real estate; cooperating with other groups of professionals and business persons in the real estate area, such as real estate brokers, commercial and bar-related insurance companies, and lenders.

Continuing Legal Education
The Section sponsored the following programs during the year:
- Real Estate Law Update – 2018 (10/16/18)
- Real Estate Law Update – 2018 (10/24/18)
- Competence, Excellence and Diversity in the Illinois Real Estate Practice – 2019 (04/24/19)
- Basic Real Estate Skills - 2019 (05/16/19)

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: 73
2. Significant legislation:
   a. HB 3677 – Uniform Partition of Heirs Act
   b. HB 2463 – Home Repair and Remodeling Act expansion
   c. SB 62 – Mechanics Lien Act technical correction

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 12 newsletters. Articles included:
- Appraisals, valuations, and...“Zestimates” (July 2018)
- Multi-Board Contract 7.0 – Handling cash transactions (Mar. 2019)
- Three quick-hitting points regarding real property issues (Oct. 2018)
- Cook County Recorder of Deeds fee schedule changing (May 2019)
- Your Real Estate Law Section Council has been actively engaged (Nov. 2018)
- V&T Investment Corp. v. West Columbia Place Condominium Ass’n: A decision offering major answers (Illinois Supreme Court decision in Teamsters Local Union No. 700 has ramifications for standing to collect rent arrearages (July 2018)
- So you want to be an urban farmer? (Sept. 2018)
- Tick-tock: The 60-day clock for objections to personal jurisdiction in residential foreclosures (Feb. 2019)
- The 2018-19 Real Estate Law Section Council year (June 2019)
- The effect of First Midwest Bank v. Cobo on lenders and servicers in their collection pursuits (June 2019)

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