



Section on Real Estate Law

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.

General:

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

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored or co-sponsored five programs. These include:

- ◆ **Real Estate Law Update 2016** (Oct. 27, 2016)
- ◆ **Real Estate Law Update 2016** (Nov. 2, 2016)
- ◆ **4th Annual Elder Law Bootcamp: Basics and Beyond** (April 27-28, 2017)
- ◆ **Litigation and the Real Estate Practitioner** (May 18, 2017)
- ◆ **Commercial Loans/Documenting for Success and Preparing for Failure** (June 8, 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: 72
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. Senate Bill 885 - Installment Sales Contract Act.
 - b. House Bill 3359 - Forcible Entry Action-Eviction
 - c. Senate Bill 326 - Mechanics Lien Act
 - d. House Bill 189 - Omnibus condo legislation.

Other

- ◆ [The ISBA Transactional Law Discussion Group](#) 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 11 newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ Avoiding liabilities when working alongside real estate agents (May 2017)
- ◆ Convenience, speed and ethics (July 2016)
- ◆ The costs of condominium documents and disclosures in condo sales (May 2017)
- ◆ Do good fences make good neighbors? (Feb. 2017)
- ◆ Drones, federal and Illinois law, surveillance and the Fourth Amendment – Ad coelum et ad inferos? (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ E-mail scams and lawyer trust accounts (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ A few words from the Chair (Mar. 2017)
- ◆ Pouring over water certs and utility prorations (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ Read 'em and weep... in cards. Don't read 'em and weep... in law (Sept. 2016)
- ◆ The risks of using legal forms without attorney guidance... Episode # 37 (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Should Illinois real estate brokers "freak out" about *Horiike v. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Company et al.*? (Is it a dual agency case, a disclosure case or a little bit of both?) (June 2017)
- ◆ The so-called Presumptively Void Transfers Act: Yet another trap for the unwary (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Tax sale purchase deemed fraudulent transfer (July 2016)
- ◆ What NOT to include in your attorney modification letters (Aug. 2016)
- ◆ A tip to ingratiate yourself with real estate purchasing clients (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Whither the Doctrine of Implied Warranty of Habitability in new construction—did the Illinois Supreme Court change course in *Fattah v. Bim*? (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Your tenant just exercised its option to purchase – where did your cash flow go until closing? (Mar. 2017)