



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

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored the following program(s) during the year:

- ◆ Environmental Due Diligence in the Era of President Trump: Revisiting Caveat Emptor, the Role of (9/14/17)
- ◆ Real Estate Law Update – Fall 2017 (10/19/17)
- ◆ Real Estate Law Update – Fall 2017 (11/3/17)
- ◆ Enforcing Illinois' Eviction Laws: A Basic Guide to Landlord Remedies and Tenant Rights (10/11/17)
- ◆ Secrets of the Citation Act and Tips for Enforcing Judgement-CO SPONSOR (4/12/18)

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: 130
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. Senate Bill 3103 - Landlord prohibitions
 - b. House Bill 4268 - Amends the Home Repair and Remodeling Act
 - c. House Bill 4951 - Provision for repairs under a lease

[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 2017-18 bar year, the Section published 12 newsletters. Articles included:

- ◆ Keep litigious proclivities out of real estate transactions (July 2017)
- ◆ Agency, Powers of Attorney, co-agency and strict construction (July 2017)
- ◆ Title insurance fees O.K. (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Recent SCOTUS opinion raises hope for municipalities struggling to recover from effects of predatory lending practices of banks—And perhaps for their residents as well (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ Meet our new section council members (Aug. 2017)
- ◆ To record or not to record, that is the question (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Regulatory taking: A review of Murr v. Wisconsin (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Articles, articles, articles! (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Meet our new section council members (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Such a deal! What buyers of REO and foreclosure-auctioned properties and their attorneys must know before they buy (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ Non-compliance with city ordinance is a viable defense to a forcible entry and detainer action (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ Condominium property subject to easements? YES! A review of Madden v. Scott, 2017 IL App (1st) 162149, (1st Dist. 2017) (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ Articles, articles, articles! (Oct. 2017)
- ◆ Doing the deed: Some property-related tips for divorcing couples (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Bankrupt widows and widowers beware: In re Jaffe, is out there (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Meet our section council members (Nov. 2017)
- ◆ Here we go again: Timeliness of post-foreclosure sale assessment payments left unresolved in Andersonville South Condominium Assoc. v Federal Nat'l Mortg. Assoc. (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Who really regulates attorneys in Illinois? (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Reprint of our very first issue (Dec. 2017)
- ◆ Real Property Disclosure Reports: Avoiding unnecessary legal risks (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ Presumptively Void Transfers to caregivers – A bit of mercy please? (Jan. 2018)
- ◆ Buyer beware: The 7th Circuit clarifies a buyer's obligations to pay real property transfer taxes when a seller is federally exempt (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ 100th General Assembly grants property tax relief by increasing some exemptions (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ JUNE 30 IS CLOSE! ISBA CLE! YES, JUNE 30 ALWAYS SEEMS TO ROLL AROUND QUICKLY FOR OUR MCLE/PMCLE REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ The "new" 2016 ALTA title insurance commitment (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Post-death conservation easements—Another way to save the farm? (Mar. 2018)
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- ◆ The dangers of bifurcated title policies in residential real estate transactions (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ Recent developments (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ An overview of housing cooperatives in Illinois (Apr. 2018)
- ◆ The Presumptively Void Transfers to Caregivers Act in Illinois: Mercy with justice (May 2018)
- ◆ Rents-and-profit doctrine revisited (May 2018)
- ◆ Report on 2017-2018 real estate-related Illinois legislation (May 2018)
- ◆ What color is your contract? (June 2018)
- ◆ Get a survey (June 2018)