



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 four programs. These include:

- ◆ **Real Estate Law Update 2015** (Oct. 21, 2015 & Nov. 20, 2015)
- ◆ **From Opening to Close: A Construction Trial and the Technology to Win Your Case** (Oct. 23, 2015)
- ◆ **The Story of a Mechanics Lien Claim: From Client Meeting to Trial** (April 8, 2016)
- ◆ **The Construction Industry: Shortcuts to Disaster** (May 13, 2016)

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: 45
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 4697 - Land Trust Beneficiary Rights Act.
 - b. Senate Bill 2354 - Common Interest Community Association Act and the Condominium Property Act.
 - c. Senate Bill 2842 – *Mendelson*

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 2015-16 the Section published 12 newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ 7th Circuit speaks on ethics (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ *Anthony P. Tummelson v. Elizabeth Ann White*, 2014 IL App (4th) 150151, December 30th, 2015 (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ Banker forges payoff letter to defraud bank and MERS no help (Jan. 2016)
- ◆ Be aware—An Illinois builder can be liable to subsequent purchasers for a breach of the implied warranty of habitability regardless of a valid waiver in the construction contract with the original purchaser (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ Big Brother is watching... your house! (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Case review: *Castillo v. Department of Human Rights, et al.* (July 2015)
- ◆ Caught by recapture (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Commercial tenancies: Clearly define every term in a lease agreement (June 2016)
- ◆ Do your legal research... Very well! (Jan. 2016)
- ◆ Germaneness is being ignored in recent association forcible cases (June 2016)
- ◆ In the Illinois mortgagee world, two strikes and you're out! (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ Mortgagors and mortgagees in the pleading game (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ The need for pro bono & how you can help (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ A no-no by statute and caselaw (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Pick your title: "Just Don't Do It!" ... "Ethical Common Sense" ... "Everyone is Tempted" (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Purchasers of properties that have gone through judicial sale should be cautious (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Real estate and construction law seminars explore construction industry issues (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ The resulting loss exception to the Defective Workmanship Exclusion: Are you covered? (July 2015)
- ◆ Revocable living trust, tenancy by the entirety, and a little loss of privacy (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Sovereign immunity and negligent inspectors (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ Understanding the Illinois Commercial Real Estate Broker Lien Act (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ What does "cf." mean again? (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ What's old is now new: Application of the implied warranty of habitability to purchasers of three-year-old property—Editor's comment (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ When worlds collide—Condominium law vs. foreclosure law and 1010 Lake Shore Association v. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ Who would win—Foreclosure statute vs. Probate Act (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Will the real party plaintiff please stand up? Toward a sane foreclosure process: Substitution of party plaintiff, the transfer of interest, and implications on standing (May 2016)