



Section on Tort Law

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

To enhance the knowledge and professional capabilities of lawyers who devote their time to the practice of tort law in all its substantive branches both on behalf of Plaintiffs and Defendants; to disseminate current tort law information, such as proposed legislation and case law to members and explain any impact it may have on members' tort practices; to educate tort practitioners in the substantive branches of tort law through continuing legal education programs Tort Trends publications, and use of its listservs; to promote diversity among its membership; to encourage mentoring programs in conjunction with the young lawyers division encouraging and offering advice to younger lawyers desiring to investigate the practice of tort law; to promote and encourage the professional, civil, and ethical practice of tort law at all times; and to promote improvements in the tort system, to protect the rights of tort litigants, and ensure the administration of justice.

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:

- ◆ Anatomy of a Medical Negligence Trial (11/1/17)
- ◆ Hot Topics in Trial: Jury Selection and Jury Questions (4/4/18)

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: 99
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 4249 - Amends the venue statutes and the join and several liability statute
 - b. Senate Bill 3295 - Amends the Code of Civil Procedure
 - c. Senate Bill 2481 - Amends the Court of Claims act

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 3 newsletters.

Articles included:

- ◆ Editor's note (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Foreseeability: Duty vs. proximate cause (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Informed consent is determined by prudent person standard, expert testimony not required (Sept. 2017)
- ◆ Editor's note (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Bye bye love—No more heart balm (aka: heartburn) actions (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Carlson v. Jerousek: Second District finds right to privacy outweighs needs of civil discovery (Feb. 2018)
- ◆ Editor's note (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Five courtroom tips for new lawyers (Mar. 2018)
- ◆ Direct examination of adverse witnesses: Use of leading questions in state and federal courts (Mar. 2018)