



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

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored or co-sponsored two programs during the year:

- ◆ **Wrongful Death, Survival, and Catastrophic Injury Cases (Feb. 24, 2017)**
- ◆ **Evidence: Before, During, and After Trial or After Settlement (May 25, 2017)**

Section members also receive discounts on section-sponsored CLE programs.

[Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested. During 2016-17 the Section published four newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ 10 things to know about social media (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ Can a defendant be compelled to submit to a Rule 215 physical or mental examination? (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ Editor's note (Dec. 2016)
- ◆ Editor's note (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ Editor's note (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Editor's note (June 2017)
- ◆ Ghosts of the past: Legal relics lurking in the civil justice system (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ Good-faith settlement—When to settle (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Perfecting distributor liability for dangerous products (June 2017)
- ◆ Strict liability imposed on product manufacturer for defective component parts (Nov. 2016)
- ◆ Using safety ordinances to establish the duty of care in premises cases (Oct. 2016)

[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: 58
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 188 - Civil Law Jurisdiction
 - b. Senate Bill 983 - Consumer and Employee Justice
 - c. House Bill 2349 - Public Duty Rule Codification

Other

- ◆ The [ISBA Tort Law Discussion List](#) allows section members to pose questions and share information with fellow section members from around the state.