



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 three programs during the year:

- ◆ **Litigating the Municipal Division Case: "Small" Cases Can Create Big Headaches – LIVE WEBCAST** (Sept. 16, 2015)
- ◆ **Foundations, Evidence & Objections: Before Trial, During Trial, On Appeal, or After a Settlement – 2016** (Feb. 17, 2016)
- ◆ **Tort Practitioner's Topics of Interest** (April 22, 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: 35
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. Senate Bill 2138 - Snow and ice removal
 - b. House Bill 6083 - Wrongful Death Act
 - c. House Bill 4246 - Venue and tort liability

[Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested. During 2015-16 the Section published four newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ The admissibility of prior convictions in civil proceedings (July 2015)
- ◆ Editor's note (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Editor's note (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ Editor's note (July 2015)
- ◆ Editor's note (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Establishing a duty of care in asbestos cases without occupational exposure (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ IPI 5.01: The Missing Witness Instruction (July 2015)
- ◆ Landlord immunity ... Not so fast! (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ The perils of representing Illinois residents involved in an out-of-state accident (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ A primer on professionalism (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Recent legislation regarding settlements (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Strict application of Supreme Court Rule 191(a) trips up litigants on appeal (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Think asbestos bankruptcy trusts equals easy money? Think again! (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ Wrongful death actions: The statute of limitations for a legally disabled plaintiff (Sept. 2015)

Other

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