



# Section on Traffic Laws & Courts

## The Mission of the ISBA Traffic Laws & Courts Section:

To promote professional excellence among judges, prosecutors, defense counsel and administrative officials in all phases of traffic court and motor vehicle proceedings, through the presentation of continuing legal education programs, promoting conferences highlighting developments in the law and the publication of an informational newsletter; to review proposed legislation and recommend new legislative initiatives; and to advocate administrative and procedural regulations as they relate to the administration of Illinois' vehicle codes or similar local traffic provisions.

## General:

- ◆ Section fees are \$25 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to [www.isba.org/sections](http://www.isba.org/sections)

## Continuing Legal Education

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

- ◆ **DUI and Traffic Law Updates – Fall 2015** (Oct. 16, 2015)
- ◆ **Illinois' New Criminal Procedure Law Implementing the Right to Consular Notification and Access – Effective January 1, 2016 – LIVE WEBCAST** (Dec. 10, 2015)
- ◆ **DUI and Traffic Law Updates – Spring 2016** (April 8, 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: 66
2. Significant legislation:
  - a. Senate Bill 2228 - Cannabis civil penalties
  - b. Senate Bill 3096 - Toxicology results
  - c. Senate Bill 2261 - Statewide Relocation Towing Licensure Commission

## Other

- ◆ The [ISBA Criminal-DUI-Traffic Discussion List](#) 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 four newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ Appellate court affirms conviction for DUI with .059 BAC (May 2016)
- ◆ Appellate court reverses trial court's denial of allowing defendant to present a defense at trial (May 2016)
- ◆ Big changes to driving eligibility effective January 1, 2016 (May 2016)
- ◆ Breath testing instrument update (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ CDL and "masking" issue (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Conviction for aggravated failure to report an accident resulting in death affirmed (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ A defendant's right to contest proximate cause in aggravated DUI cases (May 2016)
- ◆ ISP Electronic Certification Insufficient for Admission of Breath Test Results (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Legislative highlights for 2015 (June 2016)
- ◆ Monitoring court-ordered sobriety through the use of technology (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Recent cases and cases of interest (June 2016)
- ◆ Violation of speedy trial on elected charge results in dismissal of all charges (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Warrantless entry into defendant's home was not justified (June 2016)
- ◆ What constitutes "vehicles," "motor vehicles" and their Illinois Vehicle Code violations (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ What you need to know about the BAIID machine (Dec. 2015)