



Section on Trusts & Estates

The Mission of the [ISBA Trusts & Estates Section](#):

To be responsible for activities relating to the education of probate, estate planning and trust law practitioners; to promote and work for the development, modernization and improvement of legislation relating to the estate planning, probate and trust areas of the law; to review relevant matters and issues, and to study and recommend solutions to various problems involving the public, the courts, and attorneys insofar as the areas of concern of the section are involved.

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 during the year:

- ◆ **Guardianship Bootcamp 2015 – CHICAGO & LIVE WEBCAST (Oct. 16, 2015)**
- ◆ **Drafting Powers of Attorney – LIVE WEBCAST (Feb. 11, 2016)**
- ◆ **3rd Annual Elder Law Bootcamp (April 21-22, 2016)**
- ◆ **Practical Skills for Attorneys New to Estate Planning – CHICAGO & LIVE WEBCAST (May 20, 2016)**

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

[Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested. During 2015-16 the Section published 12 newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ 2015 year in review—2015 tax organizer supplement (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ 2016 estate tax summary (Jan. 2016)
- ◆ A baker's dozen considerations before probating small or insolvent decedents' estates (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ Become more efficient by using a probate checklist (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Caselaw update (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Drafting a deed in trust without destroying tenancy by the entirety (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ Ethics corner: Estate planning attorneys should not ignore their own mortality (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Estate tax return changes (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Flinn Report Summary – July 6, 2015 through August 28, 2015 (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Flinn Report summary – May 15, 2015 through June 26, 2015 (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ Flinn Report Summary – September 4, 2015 through October 16, 2015 (Nov. 2015)
- ◆ Flinn Report Summary—October 15, 2015 through November 30, 2015 (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Flinn Report Summary – April 15, 2016 through May 13, 2016 (June 2016)
- ◆ Flinn Report Summary – January 4, 2016 through January 29, 2016 (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ Flinn Report Summary – March 18, 2016 through April 8, 2016 (May 2016)
- ◆ Flinn Report Summary—December 4, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (Jan. 2016)
- ◆ Giving power to your Powers of Attorney (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ The guardian's role in maintaining and initiating dissolution proceedings (Mar. 2016)
- ◆ Heckerling 2016 reviewed (Feb. 2016)
- ◆ How do you trust? (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ The *Howell* decision and the future of estate planning for adult disabled clients (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ Illinois blocks inheritance rights and social security benefits of posthumously conceived children (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ IRS changes procedures regarding estate tax closing letters effective June 1, 2015 (July 2015)
- ◆ ISBA Trusts & Estate Section Council meeting minutes from April 17, 2015 (July 2015)
- ◆ Legislative Committee report (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Legislative update (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ Legislative update (June 2016)
- ◆ Literary estates for the not-so-rich and famous: Making sure the author is not forgotten (and not unrewarded) - Part I (Sept. 2015)
- ◆ Message from the Chair (June 2016)
- ◆ The new and improved UFADAA (Aug. 2015)
- ◆ A perspective on guardianships and visitation of wards (May 2016)
- ◆ Proposed legislation: Illinois Trust Code (Jan. 2016)
- ◆ Restorative justice: A perspective from the bench (May 2016)
- ◆ Save the date! ISBA Trusts & Estates Section Council to hold one-hour webinar on drafting powers of attorney (Dec. 2015)
- ◆ Save the Date! ISBA Trusts & Estates Section Council to host guardianship boot camp on

[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: 29
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. House Bill 4633 - Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act
 - b. House Bill 4648 - Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act (2015)
 - c. Senate Bill 2842 – *Mendelson*

[Other](#)

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



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October 16, 2015 at the ISBA Chicago Office (July 2015)

- ◆ Section 529A ABLE accounts opening throughout the United States (June 2016)
- ◆ Stepped-up basis for credit shelter trusts using PEG powers under Illinois law (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ A summary of the Trusts & Estates Section's June business meeting (Oct. 2015)
- ◆ A summary of the Trusts & Estates Section's October 2015 business meeting (Jan. 2016)
- ◆ Thank you to our authors (July 2015)
- ◆ Trustee's fees: What is "reasonable" compensation? (Apr. 2016)
- ◆ Who would win—Foreclosure statute vs. Probate Act (Nov. 2015)