



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 dues are \$30 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored the following programs during the year:

- ◆ Illinois Uniform Powers of Appointment Act (12/13/18)
- ◆ Valuation and Succession Planning for Intellectual Property (02/07/18)
- ◆ What Every Estate Planner Should Know About Special Needs Planning (03/28/19)
- ◆ The Rules of Professional Conduct as they Apply to Estate Planning and Estate and Trust Administration (04/09/19)

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. HB 1471 – Illinois Trust Code
 - b. SB 1518 – Rewrite of adult guardianship statute
 - c. HB 2816 – GAL fees in adult guardianship

[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 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 12 newsletters.

Articles included:

- ◆ Chair's column (July 2018)
- ◆ Co-editors' note (July 2018)
- ◆ Four tips on avoiding trust & family breakdowns (July 2018)
- ◆ Ethics Corner: Ethical issues in Illinois estate planning and trust/estate administration (July 2018)
- ◆ A summary of the Trusts & Estates Section's April 2018 business meeting (July 2018)
- ◆ Thank you to our authors (July 2018)
- ◆ Co-editors' note (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Big bank versus little client: How to deal with unreasonable requests and demands (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Problems with powers of attorney (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Quis custodiet ipsos custodes? (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Ethics Corner: Ethical issues in Illinois estate planning and trust/estate administration (Aug. 2018)
- ◆ Income tax consequences for probate estates when resolving claims for less than the full amount (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ What every Illinois estate planner should know about elder mediation (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Presumptions and powers of attorney (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Appellate court's estate planning advice (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Ethics Corner: Ethical issues in Illinois estate planning and trust/estate administration (Sept. 2018)
- ◆ Welcome to the October 2018 newsletter (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Presumptively Void Transfers to caregivers – A bit of mercy please? (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ The Presumptively Void Transfers to Caregivers Act in Illinois: Mercy with justice (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ The best of all possible worlds or curb your enthusiasm?: Joint trust basis considerations for common law jurisdictions (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Ethics Corner: Ethical issues in Illinois estate planning and trust/estate administration (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Flinn Report summary – March 2, 2018 through April 27, 2018 (Oct. 2018)
- ◆ Ethics Corner: Ethical issues in Illinois estate planning and trust/estate administration (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Consider the single fund QTIP trust for your clients (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Flinn Report summary – May 4, 2018 through July 27, 2018 (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ A summary of the Trusts & Estates Section's June 2018 business meeting (Nov. 2018)
- ◆ Estate planning for non-human animals by human animals: Why, who, and how (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Estate planning for the second marriage (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Flinn Report summary – August 3, 2018 through October 26, 2018 (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ What is the valuation standard for valuation of a minority interest in an Illinois LLC? (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ A summary of the Trusts & Estates Section's September 2018 business meeting (Dec. 2018)
- ◆ Estate planning for non-human animals by human animals part 2: Pet trusts and other drafting considerations (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Use it or lose it: The IRS proposed regulations will not clawback sunset exemption amounts (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Estate planning for the second marriage (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ The effect of an order declaring heirship (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ A summary of the Trusts & Estates Section's November 2018 business meeting (Jan. 2019)
- ◆ Illinois ABLE accounts and supplemental needs trusts (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Estate planning for the second marriage (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Disinheritance (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Flinn Report Summary – November 2, 2018 through December 28, 2018 (Feb. 2019)
- ◆ Transferring adult disabled guardianships between states (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Estate planning for the second marriage (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Does a guardian ad litem have immunity in a minor's guardianship proceeding? (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Short-term guardian form (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ A summary of the Trusts & Estates Section's December 2018 business meeting (Mar. 2019)
- ◆ Who owns the decedent's real estate? (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Estate planning for the second marriage (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Estate and income planning tips and checklists (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Flinn Report summary – January 4, 2019 through March 15, 2019 (Apr. 2019)
- ◆ Ethics corner (May 2019)
- ◆ Grantor trust administration in Illinois: A primer (May 2019)
- ◆ Why file the last will and testament? (May 2019)
- ◆ A summary of the Trusts & Estates Section's February 2019 business meeting (May 2019)
- ◆ Justice Hyman's wish (June 2019)
- ◆ Grantor trust administration in Illinois: A primer (June 2019)