

2014-2015 COMMITTEES OF THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION

CBA Practice Committees

Administrative Law

The Administrative Law Committee studies, discusses and makes recommendations on matters involving: (1) the procedures employed by administrative agencies relative to rules, rates, licensing and adjudicatory proceedings; and (2) the methods for obtaining judicial review of those procedures. It serves as a method of updating its members on developments in administrative law, with particular concern about areas of fundamental fairness in adjudicatory proceedings.

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Adoption Law

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Alternative Dispute Resolution

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee is concerned with the uses and application of arbitration, mediation, conciliation, mini-trials and other alternate dispute resolution mechanisms. Additionally, the committee acts as a clearinghouse for information regarding training sessions for mediators and arbitrators.

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Animal Law

Animal law is a steadily growing practice area. It covers many topics, including criminal and tort issues, such as animal cruelty, wrongful killing, veterinary malpractice, dog bite defense, and the like; divorce issues including which party gains custody over a companion animal(s); transactional issues such as estate planning, corporate issues such as regulatory compliance and constitutional issues such as standing. The purpose of the committee is to both raise awareness of animal law issues as well as hopefully have a positive impact on the ability of the legal system to deal with these concerns.

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Antitrust Law

The Antitrust Law Committee is concerned with new developments in substantive antitrust law through legislation, court decisions and other pronouncements, with developments in civil and criminal enforcement, and with enhancing litigation and counseling practice skills. The Health Law/Antitrust Subcommittee of the Antitrust Law Committee monitors recent developments in the application of antitrust laws to the health care industry and evaluates the antitrust issues related to health care legislation and related developments.

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Asset Protection

The Asset Protection Committee encompasses the following subjects: (1) Asset protection from estate taxes in Estate Planning including the use of the marital deduction unified credit trusts, irrevocable life insurance trusts, special needs trusts and supplemental needs trusts as well as prenuptial agreements. (2) Asset protection from creditors by using Family Limited Partnerships (FLIPS), the homestead exemption and others available in bankruptcy and the spouse as a creditor in a divorce and other situations. (3) Asset protection by corporations through the use of buy-sell agreements, limited liability corporations and the like.

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Aviation Law

Aviation Law encompasses a broad range of interdisciplinary skills. Administrative, tort contract and international law are just a few of the skill areas that may be required in an aviation case. This committee will serve as an interactive forum for all attorneys to become conversant and develop expertise in the factors peculiar to successful aviation practice, to stay current in this rapidly changing environment, and offer a varied program of luncheon speakers. These guests will be invited from the FAA, TSA, NTSB, industry corporations, and individual experts in fields such as meteorology and manufacturing. They will present their roles in the aviationcommunity, what services they offer to attorneys, and answer questions.

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Bankruptcy and Reorganization

The Bankruptcy & Reorganization Committee considers matters relating to the United States Bankruptcy Code (the Code) and its administration, including the rules of bankruptcy procedure and the local bankruptcy rules. Equal attention is given to problems arising under the reorganization provisions and the consumer bankruptcy provisions of the Code. The educational programs sponsored by the Committee address all types of proceedings under the Code, dealings with the United States Trustee, receiverships, assignments for the benefit of creditors, compositions and extensions, insolvencies and liquidations.

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Business Law - Mergers & Acquisitions Subcommittee

The Mergers & Acquisitions Subcommittee focuses on strategic company transactions, including acquisitions, divestitures, mergers, restructurings and joint ventures. Speakers at monthly meetings include attorneys and other M&A professionals who present on a variety of topics. The Subcommittee welcomes all CBA members, whatever their practice focus, who are interested in increasing their substantive M&A knowledge and gaining valuable practice tips.

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Business Law Committee

The Business Law Committee addresses issues pertaining to the operation and formation of business entities including corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and other entities operating businesses. Committee and subcommittee meetings feature presentations by knowledgeable speakers and updates on legislative and case law developments. Members are encouraged to participate in both the main committee as well as subcommittees of interest. The current subcommittees consist of the following: (1) Mergers and Acquisitions, (2) Corporate Documentation: Forms & Best Drafting Practices, and (3) Private Equity.

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Business Law, Drafting & Negotiating Subc.

This Subcommittee helps business law attorneys craft better transactions. Each month, we focus on a specific topic. Speakers provide form documents and sample clauses as well as key insights into pitfalls and opportunities for a given issue. Participants gain practical tips for negotiating terms, drafting agreements, or structuring transactions.

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Civil Practice

The Civil Practice Committee is actively engaged in proposing, studying, and reporting to the Association's Board of Managers on proposed legislation and rules relating to civil practice in the State courts in Illinois. The committee's focus is on the Code of Civil Procedure, the Supreme Court Rules, and the Rules of the Circuit Court of Cook County, although the committee also is involved in issues affecting the judicial system generally. In part, the committee acts as gatekeeper, monitoring proposed legislation and amendments to court rules and recommending that the Association, through its Board of Managers, support or oppose such proposals as appropriate. In part, the committee is the progenitor of changes in the Code of Civil Procedure and court rules, developing proposals of its own and, subject to approval of such proposals by the Association's Board of Managers, following such proposals through to enactment.

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Civil Rights and Constitutional Law

The Committee focuses on recent developments in state and federal constitutional law, civil liberties, and civil rights litigation, including matters before the EEOC and the Illinois Human Rights Commission. The Committee invites speakers to its monthly meetings to address topical legal issues, and welcomes practitioners, as well as attorneys, judges, professors, and law students who share an interest in civil rights, civil liberties, and constitutional law.

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Commercial Finance and Transactions

The Commercial Finance & Transactions Committee concentrates on legal issues involved in finance transactions and private placements, from simple loans to complex asset securitizations. The committee makes a continuing study of the Uniform Commercial Code and of other laws and cases bearing upon commercial contracts and credit. The committee's principal goal is to educate its members and keep them current on developments in commercial finance law. From time to time, the committee will also recommend and sponsor changes in Illinois and federal law relating to commercial finance.

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Commercial Litigation

The Commercial Litigation Committee will bring together lawyers and judges who handle business and commercial litigation matters in the Law and Chancery Divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County. The Committee will provide a vehicle for communication and mutual input and feedback between practitioners and judges; assist judges and practitioners in establishing procedures, including uniform procedures where feasible and appropriate, to facilitate the handling of business and commercial litigation; and provide an educational forum for the bench and bar on topics of interest and concern to business and commercial law practitioners, litigators and judges. The Committee hopes to explore issues pertaining to discovery and discovery disputes in business and commercial cases, evaluate whether business and commercial cases are being handled efficiently and what might be done to improve efficiency and disposition rates, and examine whether litigation habits and mindsets are impeding the effective processing and resolution of business and commercial litigation, and if so, what can be done about it. The Committee will particularly focus on handling the rise of e-discovery, wider dissemination of written opinions, and mechanisms for avoiding discovery abuse. If time allows, the Committee may also consider the desirability of substantive or procedural changes in business and commercial statutes and key caselaw doctrines, including the Residential Real Estate Disclosure Act, the Consumer Fraud Act, and the Moorman Doctrine.

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Committee on Attorney Malpractice

The Committee on Attorney Malpractice addresses the need for sharing thoughts and ideas on preventing attorney malpractice and handling attorney malpractice claims and cases from the plaintiff's and defendant's perspective. The Committee will prepare a newsletter focusing on loss prevention, case management and new developments in the law. The Committee also will sponsor a seminar, which will include the above topics, as well as a view from the bench. The Committee will invite representatives from insurance carriers to participate in sharing information regarding loss prevention and experts in the field of legal ethics to discuss the often complex duties an attorney owes to his or her client.

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Consumer Credit

The Consumer Credit Committee seeks; (1) to keep its members informed regarding existing and proposed laws and regulations concerning consumer financial services on the federal, state and local levels and court decisions related thereto; and (2) to further public awareness of consumer financial services.

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Consumer Law

The Consumer Law Committee focuses on the investigation, prosecution and defense of cases involving consumer protection law. The emphasis of the Committee will be on consumer fraud litigation involving all types of transactions. Monthly speakers will include judges, recognized consumer trial lawyers, representatives from city, state and federal prosecution agencies and departments, investigative news reporters and litigation services providers who will offer practical advice that will benefit your practice. Speakers will cover topics such as consumer scams, investigating consumer cases, pleading discovery and evidentiary issues in specific actions under consumer protection statutes, class action litigation, successful attorney fee petitions, opposing fee petitions and in-depth presentations on particular types of consumer actions.

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Criminal Law

The Criminal Law Committee is concerned with a continuous review of the criminal justice system (including the public defender system) from the standpoints of the prevention of crime, the detection of crime, the apprehension of the offender, the operation of the judicial process until determination of guilt, disposition of the offender, operation of the correctional process and the restoration of the offender into society. Meets On 2nd Tuesday

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The Customs and U.S. International Trade Law Committee considers U.S. laws pertaining the importation and exportation of merchandise into or from the United States. The topics include the Customs classification, valuation and rate of duty of imported merchandise; the assessment and enforcement of Customs penalties, developments in the United States law affecting international trade, practice before the United States Court of International Trade and the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; unfair practices in import trade and export and import licensing requirements of the United States government.

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Cyber Law and Data Privacy

The Cyber Law and Data Privacy Committee tracks and studies developments in the legal environment related to computers, the Internet privacy, data security and other aspects of information technology. The Committee focuses on substantive law issues, such as the acquisition, licensing or other transfer of technology; electronic communication and transaction issues; security issues; data privacy; property rights in information; regulation of the Internet; computer crimes; ethical issues and other legal matters and needs related to the information technology industry and the expanding Internet environment.

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Domestic Relations

The Domestic Relations Committee considers matters regarding dissolution of marriage and civil unions, paternity, custody, child support, legal separation and related matters. It studies existing statutes and proposed legislation on these subjects, rules of court relating thereto and initiates and makes recommendation with respect thereto. It also concerns itself with procedural and administrative matters relating to marital actions and civil unions and maintains a continuing dialogue and liaison with the Judges of the Domestic Relations Division regarding these matters, with a view to improve court services and sensitivity. We are active in our support of pro bono and legal services providers. In 1997, the committee instituted the Volunteer Court Facilitator Program which has greatly assisted the Post Decree Courts. In addition to meeting as a whole, members may choose to participate in any of three subcommittees which address various substantive issues. Full descriptions of these subcommittees will be sent to all members applying for the committee.

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Collaborative Law Subcommittee of the Domestic Relations Committee

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E-Discovery Committee

The E-Discovery Practice Committee's purpose is to keep up with the constantly evolving body of Federal e-discovery case and statutory law, as well as track any changes in state rules and case law pertaining to e-discovery. The Committee also strives to keep up with the various technological advances used in e-discovery and share best practices to minimize costs and litigation risks. Lastly, the Committee will suggest any appropriate legislative reforms that could improve the practice of e-discovery in Illinois.

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Elder Law

The Elder Law Committee, focusing on older adults, will provide CBA members with an opportunity to hear presentations by experts in this rapidly changing substantive practice area. The expansive scope of the committee will include legal issues ranging from estate planning to medical treatment and medicare/public aid qualifications.

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Election Law

The Election Law Committee is concerned with all aspects of federal, state and local election law. It studies, analyzes and where appropriate recommends changes in statutes and administrative procedures governing all facets of election law, including challenges, financial disclosures, limitations on contributions, and post-election canvasses and recounts. In addition to acting as a clearinghouse for election law-related information, the committee provides a forum for constructive discussion among government, the judiciary and the bar on current election law issues in Illinois.

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Employee Benefits

The Employee Benefits Committee addresses legal issues and developments affecting qualified and nonqualified retirement plans, executive compensation plans and programs, as well as welfare and fringe benefit plans for both public and private employers. The Committee also addresses issues relating to the design and implementation of employee benefit plans, including tax issues, ERISA compliance and fiduciary concerns. In the context of its overall responsibilities, this Committee also includes review and analysis of recent employee benefit case law.

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Energy, Telecommunications and Water Committee

The Energy, Telecommunications and Water Committee is concerned with state and federal regulation of electric and natural gas industries, and telecommunications carriers. The committee presents speakers and seminars on recent regulatory developments and also reviews legislative proposals and enactments. Members include attorneys who represent utilities and consumers before the Illinois Commerce Commission, and other lawyers who frequently confront legal issues regarding public utilities and telecommunications carriers. The monthly meetings provide an informal forum for the membership to exchange their different viewpoints.

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Environmental Law

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Federal Taxation

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Financial and Investment Services

The Financial & Investment Services Committee explores both practical and professional aspects of representing clients who perform financial and/or investment advisory services. The Committee's speakers discuss topics such as economic conditions, prudent investing, advisory regulatory and compliance issues, financial products, and litigation and arbitration involving the providers of investment and financial services. It also conducts continuing legal education, and reviews and comments on proposed legislation affecting providers of financial and investment services.

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Food Law

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Gaming Law Committee

The purpose of the Gaming Law Committee is to educate the Chicago Bar Membership on the current and proposed gaming laws relevant to member attorneys in their representation of clients. In addition, the Committee would expand the knowledge of members in an effort to increase compliance on the part of businesses who currently participate or who desire to participate in the gaming industry in Illinois. A secondary purpose will be to increase the membership of the Chicago Bar Association by providing a resource on Gaming Law to licensed attorneys who represent (or who seek to represent) small, medium and large entities in their efforts to participate in gaming in Illinois.

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Intellectual Property Law

The Intellectual Property Law Committee is concerned with federal and state litigation and the administration of the laws relating to patents, trademarks, copyrights and unfair trade practices. It also considers proposed changes in the rules of practice before the Patent and Trademark Office and the Copyright Office, applicable laws, treaties, antitrust, industrial design entertainment, franchising and other areas of intellectual and industrial property rights, namely, rights to or under patents, trademarks, copyrights and technical information, including the licensing or sale of those rights and proposed governmental policies and regulations to the extent relevant to those rights.

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International and Foreign Law

The International & Foreign Law Committee deals with both private and public international law, including U.S. and foreign legal aspects of international business transactions, litigation and arbitration, taxation of foreign income, foreign investment laws, treaties, the United Nations and other international organizations.

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Juvenile Law Committee

The Juvenile Law Committee is concerned with substantive law and procedural rules relating to juveniles. The committee deals with all aspects of the law which pertain to persons under the age of twenty-one and their relationship with parents, the community and governmental agencies, including the police, courts and the schools. Special emphasis is placed on the Juvenile Court Act and its provisions regarding the treatment of abused and neglected children and their parents and delinquent children and regulations and legislation which affects the Department of Children and Family Services. The committee's activities include featuring speakers and sponsoring panel discussions on juvenile law related issues at its monthly meetings and studying, analyzing, and commenting upon proposed legislation.

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Labor and Employment Law

The Labor & Employment Law Committee is concerned with all legal issues that arise from or affect the employment relationship, including labor-management relations, personnel policies, discrimination claims and other state and statutory claims affecting employment. The committee also addresses practice and procedures before federal and state agencies, alternative dispute resolution forums, and the courts within which employment issues are resolved.

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LGBT Committee

The LGBT Committee is an inclusive group of professionals and law students whose goal is to increase awareness of legal issues affecting the LGBT community, to encourage involvement in the LGBT community, and to facilitate discussions and strategic initiatives to advance LGBT rights. We work collaboratively with the Illinois State Bar Association's Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as well as the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago (LAGBAC) and we are actively working to coordinate our efforts with other local LGBT organizations to better serve our community at large. The Committee meets on the third Wednesday of every month from September to June, with the exception of December, and holds seminars about current issues affecting LGBT rights. Whether you are LGBT or a straight-ally, a student or professional, a lawyer or non-layer, we encourage and appreciate your support and involvement.

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Local Government

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Media & Entertainment Law

The Media & Entertainment Law Committee focuses on the creation, use, and transfer of artistic, literary, and musical property in all its manifestations. It specifically addresses the legal issues faced by artists, authors, broadcasters, collectors of fine art and cultural property, composers, film makers, literary agents, managers musicians, producers, promoters, and venue owners.

Meets On: 4th Thursday

Mental Health and Disability Law

The Mental Health Law Committee concerns itself with the interpretation and administration of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code and Confidentiality Act. In addition, the committee involves itself in reviewing and discussing other statutes when such statutes overlap with the legal issues involved in representing the mentally ill and the developmentally disabled or their families.

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Municipal and Law Committee

The Municipal and Law Committee is concerned with the functioning of procedures and miscellaneous matters relating to all districts and divisions of the Municipal and Law Divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County, including (First Municipal Sections: Criminal/Civil including Post Judgment, Housing, Eviction - Law Sections: Law Jury, Commercial, Tax and Miscellaneous Remedies and other miscellaneous matters) proposed legislation, rules and procedures for that division and the inter-relationship of the various governmental agencies affecting the those divisions including the offices of the Clerk and of the Sheriff.

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Probate Practice

The Probate Practice Committee is concerned with estate and tax planning and property administration, with particular emphasis on probate and probate-substitutes. It studies existing practice and procedures and current developments in estate planning, estate administration and taxation as they apply to decedents, minors and disabled persons. The committee plans and presents semi-annual seminars, assists the Circuit Court's Probate Division in drafting forms and rules of practice and initiates and reviews legislative proposals affecting its areas of concern.

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Real Estate Taxation

The Real Estate Taxation Committee reviews existing laws and proposed legislation relating to the taxation of real property and considers their constitutionality, practicality and administrative feasibility. The committee is vitally interested in the administration and judicial enforcement of these laws and makes recommendations to administrative agencies and the legislature to make the tax more equitable and efficient. The committee also concerns itself directly with assessment, collection and tax sale problems. In addition to meeting as a whole, members may choose to participate in two subcommittees which address specific areas of real estate taxation. Full description of these subcommittees will be sent to all members applying for this committee.

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Tax Sale Tax Deed Subcommittee of Real Estate Taxation Committee

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Real Property Law

The Real Property Law Committee is involved in all areas of real estate law and practice. Through its subcommittees which meet at least once monthly and the committee as a whole which meets monthly, developments in all areas of real estate law and practice are studied, and legislative changes suggested. Members are kept advised of recent developments by regular CLE programs, committee programs and a newsletter.

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Condominium Subcommittee of Real Property Law Committee

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Securities Law

The Securities Law Committee engages in the following activities; (1) it continuously reviews the present status of and new developments in, the federal and state securities law; (2) it conducts continuing education programs with respect to the federal and state securities laws; and (3) it reviews and comments upon proposed legislation and rule changes with respect to the federal and state securities laws. In addition to meeting as a whole, members are requested to participate on at least one subcommittee that addresses various substantive issues. Full descriptions of these subcommittees will be sent to all members applying for this committee.

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Social Security Law

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Sports Law

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State and Local Tax

The State & Local Tax Committee studies legislative, judicial and administrative developments in the state and local tax area, with special emphasis on Illinois income tax and all sales, use and other taxes, except real estate property taxes imposed by Illinois state and local governments. The committee analyzes and comments upon numerous tax bills introduced in the Illinois General Assembly and recommends legislation to improve the fairness or administration of Illinois tax laws.

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Tort Litigation

The Tort Litigation Committee: (1) keeps members current on issues in the day to day practice of tort litigation in Cook and surrounding counties; (2) studies and recommends changes to statutes, and local and Supreme Court rules that affect the practices of tort litigators; and (3) engages in ongoing dialogue with representatives of the Cook County Court System to promote the effective and efficient administration of justice on tort law matters. The committee sponsors an annual seminar at the CBA; offers a speaker on a tort litigation topic each meeting; and studies and makes recommendations on tort litigation issues as requested by the CBA Board of Managers and the Cook County Circuit Court administration.

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Trade and Professional Associations Law

The Trade & Professional Associations Law Committee considers legal problems confronting lawyers representing trade associations and professional societies from the standpoint of corporate, anti-trust compliance, federal tax exemptions, state law regulation of associations and societies.

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Traffic Laws

The Traffic Laws Committee reviews, evaluates and makes recommendations pertaining to traffic laws and to the established and proposed practice, procedures and facilities of traffic courts.

Meets On: 1st Thursday

Trust Law

The Trust Law Committee studies estate planning problems and solutions, with particular emphasis on the use of trusts. It analyzes federal and state tax legislation, treasury regulations and cases insofar as they affect trusts and estate planning. It initiates and reviews state legislation dealing with trusts and their uses. The committee seeks to educate its members by regular seminars on trust administration and estate planning problems and solutions presented at monthly meetings. The committee also presents at least one CBA seminar each year.

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Workers' Compensation

The Workers' Compensation Committee is concerned with the proper functioning of the Illinois Industrial Commission and reviews and makes recommendations as to the rules of practice and administration of the Commission. The committee reviews pending worker's compensation legislation and current appellate decisions and presents luncheon speakers on topics of current interest.

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CBA Services Committees

Alliance for Women

The Alliance for Women works within the CBA to advance interests of women in the legal profession and the larger community. Through speaker forums, debates, meetings, networking events and direct community service, the Alliance brings together the talents of its diverse membership to implement strategies that effect change. Active subcommittees tackle issues including career advancement, balancing work with outside interests, cultural diversity, ending violence against women, community service, and equality in education. Through monthly meeting, an email network, the Alliance Newsletter, and the CBA Record, the Alliance keeps you in touch with information that is important to women in the law.

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Bench and Bar

The Bench & Bar Committee has traditionally been the CBA's oversight committee in respect to the state and federal judiciaries. Questions of criteria for judicial selection, method of selection of judges, judicial ethics, discipline and professional development have been areas of intense committee activity.

Meets On: As Called

Continuing Legal Education

The Continuing Legal Education Committee plans and schedules seminars and workshops in various fields of law for the benefit of the members of the Association. The Committee advises the Director and the President on matters affecting compliance with Illinois Supreme Court MCLE Rules and changes thereto. It also hosts an annual Seminar Planning Workshop to advise and guide substantive committees in the delivery of CLE programs to the membership.

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Human Rights

The Human Rights Committee is to educate and inform attorneys and the community of human rights issues; to undertake human rights projects as interest and availability permit; and to serve as a bell wether and liaison on human rights issues and concerns.

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Law and Literature

Through the Law and Literature Committee, lawyers and judges meet in an informal setting to discuss classic and contemporary literature. Readings include a stimulating list of plays, novels, and short stories, both fiction and non-fiction, as well as other readings. Discussions currently held at Judge Richard Elrod's chambers in the Daley Center.

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Law Practice Management & Technology

The Law Practice Management & Technology Committee provides both live and electronic forums through which it addresses a variety of issues associated with a modern law practice, whether such be in a firm, corporate or governmental setting. Discussions and presentations tackle all areas of practice management through the use of technology.

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Lawyer Referral Service

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Legal Aid

The Legal Aid Committee reviews, stimulates, implements and coordinates programs providing legal service and fair legal treatment to all persons within Cook County who are unable to obtain legal counsel because of insufficient funds.

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Professional Fees

The Professional Fees Committee concerns itself with problems arising from, and disputes relating to, professional fees, between clients and attorneys and arbitrates such disputes when the interested parties agree to submit to such arbitration. The committee also makes the preliminary investigations through hearings, ex parte if necessary, in suspected violations of disciplinary Rule DR 2-106 (Fees for Legal Services) and generally cooperates and coordinates its activities with the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

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Professional Responsibility

The Professional Responsibility Committee prepares written opinions concerning professional conduct of lawyers, at the request of the Board of Managers, upon inquiry from members of the Bar, or upon the suggestion of members of the committee. Formal opinions of the committee of general interest to the profession may be published after approved by the Board of Managers. The committee does not deal with cases in which there are contested issues of fact and therefore, performs no investigative function. The committee may also engage in other activities to educate the Bar in matters respecting professional conduct, and on request, advises the Board of Managers as to positions the Board should take on matters relating to Professional Responsibilities.

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Solo/Small Firm Practitioners

The Solo/Small Firm Practitioners Committee provides information regarding the needs and concerns of solo and small firm practitioners. Areas of presentation include but are not limited to: client development, marketing, mentoring networks, practice checklists, personnel issues, office leases and other law practice management issues.

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Television

Members of the Television Committee, produce shows for the weekly series "You and the Law" which airs on the Chicago Access Network Television (CAN TV) Channel 21, Comcast (northern and western suburbs). Members are not required to have any prior television production experience. "You and the Law" is a panel-format talk show, which and on the web emphasizes the public service aspects of the law. The work of the Television Committee provides an opportunity for lawyers to share their legal knowledge and judges expertise with the public through the popular and powerful media of television and a web video.

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Unauthorized Practice & Multidisciplinary Practice

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ARDC Mentor and Law Practice Management

The ARDC Mentor & Law Practice Management Assistance Committee works with lawyers referred by the ARDC for assistance in law office organization and management skills. Committee members serve as volunteer mentors to work with referred attorneys to offer suggestions on issues such as office management, file organization, client contact and telephone policies, computer assistance, staffing issues, fee agreements and engagement letters, and case intake.

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CBA Record Editorial Board

The Editorial Board has responsibility for publishing the CBA Record, the Association's flagship publication. The Board supervises, assists and advises in the editing of the magazine and contributes or obtains articles of interest to the Association. Published ten times a year, the CBA Record delivers useful and timely case and legislative information, describes emerging issues and provides how-to advice and bar news.

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Committee on Ethnic and Racial Diversity

The Committee on Ethnic & Racial Diversity has a broad mandate to develop and support Association programs to further the following objectives: to enhance the professional standing and economic viability of minority lawyers in all areas of the legal community; to build awareness about the need for racial/cultural diversity within the legal profession; to assist various entities within the Association, as well as, law firms, law schools, etc. to promote and manage this diversity; and, to identify and address issues that affect Chicago's minority communities.

Meets On: As Called

Committee on Lawyer Regulation

The Committee on Lawyer Regulation fosters education and greater understanding among members of the bar about the rules and procedures of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. The committee strives to improve relations between members of the bar and the ARDC, its governing board, committees and staff. Where appropriate, the committee makes recommendations to improve the self-regulatory process of lawyer discipline in Illinois. The committee does not deal with specific cases or matters pending before the ARDC.

Meets On: As Called

Entertainment (Christmas Spirits)

The Entertainment Committee is responsible for the production of the annual "Christmas Spirits" show (aka "The Bar Show") and for providing entertainment for other bar related functions and civic organization during the year. Christmas Spirits is a musical comedy revue that pokes fun at local, state and national politicians, entertainment and sports celebrities, and others in the news. It is written, directed and performed by members of the Committee, with the aid of a professional orchestra, makeup team and choreographer, Committee members contribute their talents to the Show as writers, singers, dancers, actors, etc. Admission to the Committee for submission of written ideas for the Show is open to all members. Admission to the Committee as a performer is by audition only. Performers must commit to attending all rehearsals and performances. Further information regarding the Committee and audition dates may be obtained from the chair.

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Herman Kogan Media Awards

The Herman Kogan Media Awards Committee organizes and promotes the annual Herman Kogan Media Awards Competition. This award celebrating the late Herman Kogan, one of Chicago's most treasured journalist, was established in 1989. It promotes good relations between the press and the bar and honors local journalists. The Competition is divided into four awards categories, print, legal trade reporting, broadcast and commentary/editorial cartoon/photography.

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In-Court Lawyer Referral

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Interfaith

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Joint Task Force on Women and Aging Committee

The Chicago Bar Association ("CBA") and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois ("WBAI") established the Joint Task Force on Women and Aging to address financial and health care concerns facing older women and women as they age. The multidisciplinary Task Force has addressed issues such as pension inequities impacting women; defined benefit versus defined contribution plans for retirement; a study of the social security system and how privatization may affect women; changes in laws that will improve financial security for divorced women; educational initiatives in health care; employment issues; financial exploitation of the elderly; and elder abuse.

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The Judicial Evaluation Appellate Review Committee considers requests from candidates who appeal not recommended findings of the Judicial Evaluation Committee.

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Judicial Evaluation Committee

The Judicial Evaluation Committee (JEC) investigates and evaluates the qualifications of persons who seek, or who may be considered for nomination, election, appointment to or retention in judicial office. JEC operates under a special resolution of the Board of Managers, and consists of 168 members in Investigation and Hearing Divisions. Members are pledged to strict confidentiality, and terms are limited. Rigorous demands for attendance and strict confidentiality are enforced. Hearing Division members meet twice a week from 4:00 p.m. to about 7:00 p.m., and Investigation Division members often must meet demanding timetables. Depending upon requirements, the members will operate at high volume for three to six months of the year.

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Investigation Division of Judicial Evaluation Committee

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Legislative

The Legislative Committee is charged with structuring and overseeing the Association's legislative program. The Committee has three essential functions: (1) consider and make recommendations to the Board of Managers on legislation drafted by CBA committees for inclusion in the Association's legislative program; (2) review committee recommendations for action on all legislation not sponsored by the CBA; and (3) provide technical research, drafting and informational assistance to CBA members and members of the Illinois General Assembly. The Legislative Committee works with legislative liasons appointed by CBA and YLS committees to assist them in learning about the legislative process to maximize the Association's effectiveness.

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Membership

The Membership Committee plans and oversees the Association's recruitment and retention efforts; develops member and non-member surveys; and reviews proposals for new member benefits.

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Public Affairs Committee

The Public Affairs Committee works closely with the Director of Public Affairs to oversee CBA member and public communications priorities and goals, as well as development of communications messages, plans and strategies. The Committee also helps identify issues for CBA comment or action and assists the Director to achieve communications goals by advising and helping optimize resources both internal and external.

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Symphony Orchestra

The CBA Symphony Orchestra Committee is designed for all CBA members who are interested in participating in an orchestra and performing as an orchestra or in smaller chamber ensembles. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening at the Daley Center, and public performances are scheduled from September through May. Compact disc recordings will be made of selected performances. Committee members will be asked to make a contribution of \$40.00 to help pay for the orchestra's professional conductor and other expenses of the orchestra. Auditions are not required, but openings in some sections may be limited due to the orchestra's musical staffing requirements. In general, the orchestra can usually accept additional string players and low brass players. Openings for woodwind instruments are very limited. Please inquire.

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YLS Committees

Bankruptcy

The Committee will continue its tradition of close contact with the practitioners and judges of the bankruptcy bar. The monthly informal luncheons are an excellent opportunity for an attorney to network, keep abreast of current issues in the law, and question prominent attorneys in the field. The Committee will sponsor two bankruptcy seminars.

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Career Assistance

The Career Assistance Committee sponsors programs for lawyers of all levels of expertise facing career changes. The Committee addresses job search techniques, networking strategies, lateral transfers, alternative career options including contract, part-time and non-legal practice opportunities, stress management, and more. Members should also consult the CBA's Web site (www.chicagobar.org) and its "Career Passport" section.

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CBA Moot Court Competition

The Annual Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Competition, run by the Young Lawyers Section's Moot Court Committee, will be held November 14-16, 2013, at the Dirksen Federal Building in Chicago. This nation-wide Competition allows students to represent their law schools while developing their appellate advocacy skills by preparing briefs on current legal issues confronting federal courts and arguing their positions before practicing attorneys and judges. Committee members create the appellate record, score and critique the briefs, recruit judges for oral arguments, and organize and manage the Competition.

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Civil Rights

The Civil Rights Committee focuses on exploring a multitude of views on a wide variety of legal issues that are currently at the forefront of civil rights jurisprudence. The Committee invites speakers to its monthly meetings to provide insight and practical guidance on pertinent legal issues related to civil rights litigation and mediation. We welcome practitioners, attorneys, judges, professors, and law students who are interested in discussing civil rights in the context of a broad range of practice areas.

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Corporate Practice

The Committee aims to serve the diverse needs of young corporate law practitioners - including those at small and large firms alike. The committee will sponsor two extended seminars on topics germane to our committee members' representation of closely held and public entities. The Committee will assist young lawyers in addressing the needs of their clients, developing professional skills, and making contacts in the Chicago legal community.

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Creative Arts

The Committee provides an opportunity for young lawyers to learn about art and entertainment law topics from seasoned practitioners and members of the art community. We strive to create a friendly environment where members can share their experiences, garner valuable tips, and network. Topics for past luncheon meetings have included the right to publicity, film production agreements, and representing screen writers. The Committee also holds two seminars designed to provide practical advice on an important topic of art or entertainment law.

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Criminal Law

The Criminal Law Committee is concerned with a continuous review of the criminal justice system (including the public defender system) from the standpoints of the prevention of crime, the detection of crime, the apprehension of the offender, the operation of the judicial process until determination of guilt, disposition of the offender, operation of the correctional process and the restoration of the offender into society.

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Diversity

The committee strives to build a strong professional and social network for minority attorneys as well as develop community outreach programs to better serve our communities. Meetings feature some of the most knowledgeable people in the legal community addressing a variety of innovative issues that are currently facing minority attorneys. The Committee works to provide a network of acquaintances and explore issues that face minorities in the legal profession.

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Education Law

The YLS Education Committee aims to provide young practitioners with an opportunity to address and understand issues within the area of public education law at the pre-K, primary, secondary and post-secondary levels. The monthly meetings will offer presentations and discussions with practitioners regarding myriad topics, including labor relations, employment, special education, student discipline, student rights, policy development, board governance, funding issues, federal mandates, Illinois State Board of Education mandates and reporting requirements, and new school laws. The committee also address practice before federal and state agencies, such as the Office for Civil Rights, the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board.

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Environmental Law

The Environmental Law Committee provides information concerning the legal and scientific aspects of an environmental law practice. Such a practice can include litigation, transactional work, and counseling clients to comply with the complex regulatory and statutory scheme that seeks to control pollution, remediate contaminated property, and conserve and manage natural resources. The Committee also raises awareness of different career paths and provides career guidance to law students and young lawyers that are interested in environmental law.

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Estate Planning

Drafting an effective estate plan involves more than just using the latest form book or computer program. Today's estate planner must stay current with recent developments in Federal and state case law, tax law, and new planning techniques. Committee members discuss recent developments on a monthly basis over lunch prior to hearing a presentation on various estate planning topics such as: innovative drafting and succession techniques, trust administration, retirement planning, estate, gift & GST taxation and more. Presentations are typically given by experienced estate planners who share their insight on the practice and career development.

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Family Law

This Committee is geared to young family law practitioners. At informal monthly luncheon meetings, experienced and respected matrimonial attorneys, jurists, and experts will discuss everyday practical and legal aspects of practicing in this volatile and dynamic area of law. In addition, formal seminars will keep the young attorney apprised of current legal developments and the many sophisticated nuances of family law practice. Both the luncheon meetings and the seminars will provide an opportunity for young attorneys to interact with Chicago's family law associates and prominent family law attorneys and judges.

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Health & Wellness

The Health and Wellness Committee's goal is to promote a healthy work/life balance among attorneys. In connection with the Young Lawyers Section, the Committee organizes and encourages participation in Chicago's Most Fit Attorney competition as well as other athletic events such as Race Judicata. The Committee will host seminars and publish literature on topics such as nutrition, exercise, and stress reduction.

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Health and Hospital Law

The Committee provides a forum for members to exchange viewpoints and keep up-to-date, by both committee members and guest speakers, on current legal issues and developments related to the health care community. In addition to monthly luncheon meetings and workshops, the Committee presents two seminars during the year, both of which provide in-depth reviews of timely health law providers (ie., physicians, hospitals, and ancillary service providers) and payor and insuring arrangements (ie., PPO, HMO, PSO, and TPA).

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International Corporate & Trade Law

The International Corporate & Trade Law Committee deals with both private and public international law, including U.S. and foreign legal aspects of international business transactions, litigation and arbitration, taxation of foreign income, foreign investment laws, treaties, the United Nations and other international organizations. The committee also explores the nuances and importance of international criminal law.

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Labor and Employment Law

The Labor & Employment Law Committee is concerned with all legal issues that arise from or affect the employment relationship, including labor-management relations, personnel policies, discrimination claims and other state and statutory claims affecting employment. The committee also addresses practice and procedures before federal and state agencies, alternative dispute resolution forums, and the courts within which employment issues are resolved.

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Law Exploring

In conjunction with Learning for Life, the Committee teaches trial advocacy skills to high-school students interested in careers in law and government. Each meeting during the school year focuses on practicing a different trial advocacy skill with the students. The program culminates by selecting and preparing a trial team to participate in the American Bar Association's national high school mock trial competition. Committee members coordinate activities and act as teachers and mentors to the students. The committee meets twice a month during the school year, from October - April. A team is then selected represent our post at the ABA Learning For Life National Competition held in the summer

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Law Student

Welcome to the Legal Profession! The CBA's Law Student Committee provides a forum for Chicago area law students to not only participate in CBA events, but also bring student issues to the attention of bar association leadership, make career contacts and learn more about the realities of practicing law. Each bar year, the Committee plans and hosts several annual events that are specifically designed for law students. In addition, law student members are encouraged to participate in the activities of the Young Lawyers Section, including its Pro Bono & Community Service Fair (October), Career Month (February), Government Service Career Fair (March), and much more. The Young Lawyers Section also hosts a monthly Social Hour at a local hot spot, which law student members are welcome to attend. Visit the Young Lawyers Section of the website for more details on its activities.

Meets On: As Called

Legal and Regulatory Compliance

The YLS Legal and Regulatory Compliance Committee's goal is to address and explore the pressing regulatory issues of the current business market. The Committee provides attorneys with the tools necessary to effectively strategize and solve these complex legal and regulatory issues. With the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency ("CFPB") in 2011 under the authority of Dodd-Frank, there are new rules and regulations that must be adhered to. The CFPB and the Federal Trade Commission (The Compliance Committee's goal is to address and explore the pressing regulatory issues of the current business market. The Committee provides attorneys with the tools necessary to effectively strategize and solve these dynamic legal and regulatory issues. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("CFPB") and the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") together have guided companies on how to remain compliant for the benefit of the consumer in such a complex regulatory environment. Hence, the Committee focuses on federal and state based regulations that have a strong impact on various financial markets, including but not limited to the credit card, insurance, credit reporting, and banking industries.

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Professional Responsibility

In these times of increasing public criticism of the legal profession, we are seeing greater enforcement of the Rules of Professional Conduct by our courts and bar associations. Through meetings, seminars and discussions with other lawyers, the Committee will address the issues relating to the ethical proprieties of professional conduct of lawyers. The Committee will also review news and developments in the area of professional responsibility from court decisions, ethics opinions, and disciplinary proceedings.

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Public Outreach

The Public Outreach Committee serves as the YLS vehicle for delivery of free legal services to the public in certain areas. The committee currently oversees workshops at which volunteer lawyers create free estate planning documents for low-income seniors and emergency first responders through the Serving Our Seniors program and Wills for Heroes, respectively. Estate planning experience is not required as a training occurs before each workshop.

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Real Estate Law

This Committee discusses basic issues in representing clients in property purchases, sales, ownership, and taxation, including condominiums and single family homes. In addition to extensive seminar offerings that address practitioners' concerns and basic principles of commercial and residential real estate transactions, the committee meets each month for special luncheon presentations by distinguished guest lecturers. Recent topics have included tax prorations, commercial real estate, TIFs, mortgage documents, building a real estate practice, negotiating real estate contracts, clearing title, and many more relevant topics for the newer real estate practitioner.

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Social

The Committee arranges for gatherings of friends and colleagues at different festive locations in the Loop, River North or Lincoln Park. Socials are generally held on the second Thursday of each month. This is a great opportunity for young lawyers to unwind and relax after a busy day of legal work. Each social gathering lasts from approximately 6 to 8 p.m. and includes savory appetizers as well as discounted (and sometimes free) beverages.

Meets On: As Called

Tort Litigation

The area of tort law covers a vast spectrum of problems and challenges. Practitioners may be faced with handling everything from a simple auto accident case to a class-action products liability lawsuit. Attorneys practicing in this area must become conversant in complex scientific principles and medical procedures and, in turn, must convey these concepts to a jury. Additionally, attorneys must be familiar with venue and jurisdictional rules, and be aware of any quirks in the local law. The Committee's purpose is to provide its members with the information necessary to pursue or defend their cases from the initial investigation of the case to its resolution. Monthly meetings keep attorneys current on new theories of liability and methods of practice and procedure. Luncheon and seminar speakers are drawn from the most notable members of the bench and bar.

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Women in the Law

The Committee sponsors an annual seminar that addresses women's issues within the legal, political, and societal arenas and provides a forum to discuss current issues affecting women. The Committee also runs a mentor program that joins new and experienced attorneys together in a mentoring relationship. The Committee further co-sponsors events throughout the year with organizations such as the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, the Chicago Bar Association's Alliance for Women, and the National Association of Women Lawyers. The Committee provides an excellent opportunity for women within the legal profession to meet other women in diverse practice areas, discuss issues of special interest to women, and be a strong voice within our community.

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