



ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

135th Annual Meeting

On the Banks of Lake Geneva

JUNE 16-18, 2011

The Abbey Resort ☼ Fontana, Wisconsin

Join Us On the Banks of Lake Geneva!



This summer the ISBA returns to *The Lake*, where the leaders of our Association gather in celebration of our accomplishments over the past bar year and sail forward with new plans for the year ahead. In this relaxed collegial atmosphere, memories are made and friendships renewed. So make plans now to bring the whole family and join us for the **ISBA's 135th Annual Meeting On the Banks of Lake Geneva!**



Mark D. Hassakis

Mark D. Hassakis, President



John G. Locallo

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Earn CLE Credit at the Annual Meeting

Friday, June 17th

Legal Writing: Improve Your Ultimate Work Product

Presented by the Illinois State Bar Association

9:00 - 11:45 a.m. (Includes 15 minute break)

**2.5 hours MCLE credit, including 2.5* hours PMCLE credit
(*subject to approval)**

Although lawyers write for a living – producing more copy than most journalists – not all lawyers appreciate what an advantage it is to write clearly and persuasively. Attend this seminar for a comprehensive overview of the legal-writing process and get the tools you need to develop strong writing skills. Topics include recognizing common problems, quick fixes to those problems that emphasize clarity and readability, and much more. This seminar is taught by Jim Covington, ISBA's Director of Legislative Affairs, who believes that lobbying by paper is paramount to persuading legislators in the state Capitol. He has represented ISBA in the state Capitol for more than 15 years, staffed the Illinois Senate Judiciary Committee, and practiced law in downstate Illinois. His devotion to the study of legal writing has placed him in a position of respect because of his carefully drafted one-page position papers written on behalf of ISBA on matters of public policy.

Presenter: Jim Covington (Illinois State Bar Association, Springfield)

A Roadmap to the Illinois Civil Union Act

Presented by ISBA Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity and Co-Sponsored by the ISBA Family Law Section

2:00 - 4:15 p.m. (Includes 15 minute break)

2 hours MCLE credit

Join us for an overview of the new Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act, which takes effect June 1st this year. Topics include the law's structure and purpose; formation of civil unions, their recognition while intact, and their dissolution; the rights, interests, benefits and burdens to spouses under the Act; and various special considerations including the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and its limitations on the new law; parentage under the Act; and federal and state law conflicts.

Judge Nancy Katz, a long-standing domestic relations judge, will also provide her perspectives on the impact this new law may or may not have on the process and procedure applicable in domestic relations proceedings. Lawyers from all practice settings will benefit from attending this program, including family law, trusts and estates, business advice and financial planning, elder law, employee benefits, federal tax, general practice and more.

*Presenters: Honorable Nancy Katz (Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago),
Raymond W. Prather (Prather Ebner LLP, Chicago),
Jennifer A. Shaw (Jennifer A. Shaw PC, Edwardsville),
Richard A. Wilson (Grund & Leavitt, Chicago)*



Schedule of Programs & Events

135th ISBA Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 16th

Section/Committee Business Meetings

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. *(Held throughout the day)*

Check on-site program for listings.

Opening Reception & Family Night

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Activities for children include super slide, moon walk, obstacle course, airbrush tattoo artist, and much more.

Reception sponsored by ISBA Mutual Insurance Company

"Who Me? A Law School Professor?"

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This program will address reasons to become a law professor and explain the hiring process. There will be handouts and time for one-on-one questions, as well as a group presentation. This program is designed to encourage diversity among law professors.

Presented by Southern Illinois University School of Law

Exhibit Hall

Stop by the exhibit hall on Friday to learn more about ISBA and other legal providers' services and products. ISBA's own professional liability insurance company, ISBA Mutual Insurance Company, will be an important participant in the Annual Meeting. Be sure to learn about the company, loss prevention, and programs from senior executives at their exhibit. For a full list of exhibitors, visit www.isba.org/annual.

Friday, June 17th

Breakfast Symposium - "Are You Maximizing the Benefits from Your Professional Network?"

7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Join us for this presentation which will focus on social media as a tool to help you stay in touch with other attorneys, past and present clients, find new clients, and have questions answered by attorneys willing to share their expertise in your field of law.

Sponsored by ISBA Standing Committee on Law Office Management & Economics

CLE PROGRAM:

"Legal Writing: Improve Your Ultimate Work Product"

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Day Camp for Kids - Complimentary

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

With plenty of fun things to do (lunch included), kids love it!

Sign them up no later than Monday, June 6th.

For children ages 4-14.

Sorry, no exceptions for children under 4.

Sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Association



Section/Committee Business Meetings

9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. *(Held throughout the day)*

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Awards Luncheon

11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The ISBA will recognize members and others who have made a significant contribution to the Association, the profession or their communities. Awards to be presented include: Board of Governors, Publications, Matthew Maloney General Practice Tradition of Excellence, and the YLD/Law Student Division Public Service, Young Lawyer of the Year, and Community Leadership.

CLE PROGRAM

“A Roadmap to the Illinois Civil Union Act”

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Hospitality Room for Kids

6:00 – 10:30 p.m.

An evening of entertainment for the kids including interactive DJ entertainment, live game show and movie time (pre-teen and teen.) Includes dinner and refreshments.

Business Meetings

The 2011-12 standing committees/section councils will each separately receive email notice of their meeting time.

Annual Dinner and President’s Installation

6:45 p.m. – Reception *(Sponsored by The Abbey)*

7:30 p.m. – Dinner

Join us at this special evening to honor President Mark D. Hassakis and welcome John G. Locallo, President for 2011-12. Following a brief program and dinner, you’ll enjoy dancing and listening to the Ken Arlen Orchestra. All seating assigned in advance, tables of ten; special seating requests should be made in advance. *Black tie requested.*

Saturday, June 18th

16th Annual Networking Breakfast

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

All women attorneys and judges invited. This popular annual event gives you a chance to network with your peers.

Sponsored by ISBA Standing Committees on Racial & Ethnic Minorities and the Women & the Law, and Southern Illinois University School of Law

Breakfast for Families

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Start your day with other ISBA families. Breakfast will be provided on the lawn.

ISBA Assembly Meeting

9:00 a.m.

The 201-member Assembly policy-making body of the Association meets. Open to members and the public.

Section/Committee Business Meeting

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. *(Held throughout the morning)*

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See You at The



Hotel Reservations

ISBA Headquarters Hotel - The Abbey Resort & Spa

[The Abbey Resort & Spa, 269 Fontana Blvd., Fontana, WI 53125; www.theabbeyresort.com]

To make your room reservation at The Abbey, please call 800.709.1323. Be sure to indicate that you are attending the ISBA Annual Meeting. The room rate is \$189 (single/double) plus resort fee and tax. A deposit of first night's lodging is required. **The deadline for making your room reservation is on or before May 14th.** Reservations received after this date will be subject to availability. The deposit will be forfeited for all no-shows, early departures and cancellations less than 7 days prior to arrival. Check-in time is after 4:00 p.m.; check-out time is before Noon.

Lodging Alternative - The Timber Ridge Lodge at Grand Geneva

[Timber Ridge Lodge, 7020 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva, WI 53147; www.timberridgeresort.com]

It is unlikely that all ISBA attendees will be able to be accommodated at The Abbey. Therefore, overflow accommodations have been blocked at the Timber Ridge Lodge at Grand Geneva. To make your room reservation at the Timber Ridge Lodge, please call 866.636.4502. The room rate is \$149 (single/double) plus resort fee and tax.

For more information about Lake Geneva, visit the
Lake Geneva Convention & Visitors Bureau at www.lakegenewawi.com.

Lake this Summer!



Meeting Registration

Annual Meeting Registration is online only. The deadline for advance registration is June 6th.

WWW.ISBA.ORG/ANNUAL.

Annual Meeting Registration Fee. The registration fee for the Annual Meeting is \$70 per ISBA member and \$30 per spouse/guest. The registration fee must be paid by anyone participating in Annual Meeting functions.

Ticketed Functions. Annual Meeting functions are priced as follows (per ticket): Law Office Management Breakfast/Symposium (\$20), Awards Luncheon (\$25), Hospitality for Kids (\$35), Annual Dinner (\$100), 16th Annual Networking Breakfast (\$25), Continental Breakfast for Families (\$10), and Breakfast for Children 12 & under (\$5). All other receptions, programs and events are complimentary with registration. Availability of tickets to Annual Meeting functions cannot be guaranteed after June 10th.

CLE Program Registration & Fees. Lawyers who register for CLE programs only are not subject to payment of the Annual Meeting registration

fee. However, participation in any Annual Meeting function does require payment of the fee. CLE pricing for ISBA members is "Legal Writing" (\$75) and "Civil Unions" (\$60). For non-member and special pricing, please see website. *No section or online registration discounts apply.*

Refunds. The Annual Meeting registration fee will be refunded for cancellations received by Friday, June 10th. Refunds for the CLE programs and other events/programs will be made on cancellations received 72 hours prior to the events.

Purchasing/Ticket Pick-Up. Tickets for all Annual Meeting functions may be picked up at the ISBA Registration Desk during the meeting. Tickets will not be mailed in advance. The deadline for purchasing tickets to meal functions is 72 hours prior to the event, depending on availability.

For more information about the Annual Meeting and to register, visit www.isba.org/annual.



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