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## NEWS

**NEW** Illinois Revised Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, 765 ILCS, sec. 1026/1 et seq. (eff. Jan. 1, 2018) reduces the dormancy period from five years to three years before which property is considered abandoned and reportable to the state. The change is retroactive and will require holders to file a “catch-up” report on May 1, 2018, to incorporate the change in dormancy period. The catch-up report should include property that is dormant for three, four, and five years. To report unclaimed property, go to the Office of State Treasurer’s Unclaimed Property Page at <https://icash.illinoistreasurer.gov/>

## FREE ON-LINE CLE

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### **NEW PMBR LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT SELF-ASSESSMENT COURSE**

Lawyers in private practice who do not have malpractice are required to complete the new Law Office Management Self-Assessment Course (PMBR). The course is free and is accredited for four hours of MCLE professional responsibility credit in Illinois (including the new CLE requirements in the areas of diversity/inclusion and mental health/substance abuse). The course consists of eight modules and can be taken over the course of a year but must be completed on or before January 1, 2019 unless malpractice is obtained before then. The course is open to all lawyers who may take any part of or the entire course for CLE credit. To access the PMBR course, go to the ARDC website under “PMBR” at [www.iardc.org](http://www.iardc.org) or directly at <https://www.iardc.org/pmbr.html>.

### **Looking for Diversity and Inclusion or Mental Health and Substance Abuse CLE?**

Accredited for Mental Health/Substance Abuse PR CLE Credit in Illinois:

- Attorney Well-Being: The Intersection of Physical, Spiritual and Emotional Wellness (1.0 Mental Health/Substance Abuse PR CLE)
- PMBR Module 6: Attorney Wellness (0.25 Mental Health/Substance Abuse PR CLE)

Accredited for Diversity and Inclusion PR CLE Credit in Illinois:

- Diversity and Inclusion: A Blueprint for 2017 and Beyond (1.0 Diversity and Inclusion PR CLE)
- PMBR Module 8: Diversity and Inclusion: Culturally-Competent Lawyering (0.25 Diversity and Inclusion PR CLE)

ARDC webcasts are free and accredited for professional responsibility CLE credit in Illinois. Go to “CLE” on the ARDC website ([www.iardc.org](http://www.iardc.org)) or directly at [https://www.iardc.org/CLE\\_Opening\\_Page.pdf](https://www.iardc.org/CLE_Opening_Page.pdf).

For additional free, IL CLE-accredited, on-demand webcasts, check out the programs offered by the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism at <https://www.2civility.org/> as well as the Lawyers Assistance Program (LAP) at <http://illinoislap.org/>.

## RECENT BAR ETHICS ADVISORY OPINIONS

Recent American Bar Association (ABA) formal ethics opinions accessible directly at [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional\\_responsibility/publications/ethicsopinions.html](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/ethicsopinions.html) or from the ABA website ([www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org)).

- ABA Formal Opinion 481: A Lawyer’s Duty to Inform a Current or Former Client of the Lawyer’s Material Error (April 17, 2018)
- Formal Opinion 480: Confidentiality Obligations for Lawyer Blogging and Other Public Commentary (March 6, 2018)
- ABA Formal Opinion 479: The “Generally Known” Exception to Former Client Confidentiality (Dec. 15, 2017)
- ABA Formal Opinion 478: Independent Factual Research by Judges Via the Internet (Dec. 8, 2017)
- ABA Formal Opinion 477: Securing Communication of Protected Client Information (May 11, 2017)

Recent Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) ethics advisory opinions which can be accessed from the ISBA ([www.isba.org](http://www.isba.org)) website or directly at <https://www.isba.org/ethics/byyear>

- ISBA Opinion 18-01 Communication with Represented Person; Confidentiality; E-mail: Use of tracking software in emails or other electronic communications (Jan. 2018)
- ISBA Opinion 18-02 Conflict of Interest; Imputed Disqualification; Screening: Availability of screening to insulate existing members of a firm from other firm members’ potential conflicts. (Jan. 2018)