

**ETLAW to Publish 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of**  
***The Legal Rights of Women in Tennessee***  
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The East Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women ("ETLAW") will edit and re-publish a book entitled *The Legal Rights of Women in Tennessee*. In 1991 ETLAW published the first edition of this book. Since then, many laws effecting women have changed while others have come into existence. The book is intended as a source of general information about many areas of the law that may directly affect the lives of women and their families living in the State of Tennessee.

It is the intent of ETLAW to publish copies of the book in both English and Spanish translation. The need for legal information and access to the judicial system in the Hispanic population is tremendous and continues to grow in our area. ETLAW will distribute the book to many different communities, groups and organizations not only in Knox County, Tennessee but throughout the East Tennessee region.

Through this book, we seek to educate women about the laws in the State of Tennessee, help them understand the legal system and the legal process, from obtaining counsel, filing or defending a divorce action, or involvement in a jury trial. Other chapters are to focus not only on the legal system and process, but on general issues, such as financing, how to obtain and establish credit, paying federal taxes, filing bankruptcy, housing and health issues. ETLAW intends to distribute copies of the book to domestic violence shelters, schools sponsoring and offering General Education Degrees and to a variety of community organizations. We hope our book will enhance women's understanding of the legal system and thereby improve their lives. Even more, we believe our book will serve as a resource to all citizens of this State, current and future.

Receiving this grant brings us much closer to our goal of publishing 1500 copies for distribution of our second edition of *The Legal Rights of Women in Tennessee*. I will be the editor of the second edition. I am a past president of ETLAW and was a co-editor of the first edition with Katherine Ambrose. Please let me know if you would like to know anything else about our project.