

WTLS Launches New Senior Law Website

West Tennessee Legal Services has launched a senior-friendly, senior specific website to expand access by senior citizens to important legal information. The website, which can be accessed by going to TnSeniorlaw.org or by going to West Tennessee Legal Services' website, wtls.org, and clicking on the "Senior Services" button, includes almost 60 printable factsheets on issues important to seniors ranging from conservatorships, long term care and Medicaid, to Senior Scams plus much more. A senior-friendly publication on "How to Use TnSeniorLaw.org" is also available. The website is enhanced with videos about legal issues affecting seniors. Additionally, print brochures containing information on "Tips to Avoid Scams" and "Power of Attorneys, Advance Care Plans, and Conservatorship" are now available.

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About West Tennessee Legal Services: West Tennessee Legal Services (WTLS) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit law firm that has, for almost thirty years, provided access to justice for low-income, vulnerable, and underserved people in West Tennessee within a 17 county area of West Tennessee, between the Tennessee and Mississippi Rivers who cannot afford legal assistance and have no other place to go for help. Counties served by WTLS include Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Dyer, Decatur, Gibson, Hardin, Haywood, Henry, Henderson, Lake, McNairy, Madison, Obion, and Weakley. WTLS addresses legal problems affecting basic needs for food security, shelter, medical care, income security, special education and freedom from abuse. Since WTLS' incorporation in 1977, WTLS has utilized attorneys, paralegals, and other personnel to provide legal and paralegal representation, counseling and other services for the indigent of West Tennessee, to sponsor education and research in the areas of procedural and substantive law which affect the causes and problems of

poverty, to acquaint the practicing Bar of West Tennessee with its important role in combating poverty, and to inspire the members of the bar to become involved in the rendition of legal services to the poor. WTLS serves our client community through litigation, administrative agency advocacy, counsel and advice, provision of self-help information, community development, community education and collaborative partnerships. For further information, call 1-800-372-8346 or visit wtls.org

About The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

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