

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri - New Resources for Adults Statewide



After almost two years of research, writing and project management, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri is proud to announce the publication of the 21st edition of the Senior Citizens Legal Handbook.

First introduced in 1977, this publication provides comprehensive self-help legal information for senior citizens, caregivers and other advocates for older adults statewide.

Last updated in 2016, this new edition provides more in-depth legal information than previous copies, with updated and expanded sections on topics such as estate planning and retirement plans.

Another major update came with the participation of Health Literacy Media in the project. They provided many hours of assistance to make the handbook more accessible to older adults by re-writing content in plain language, increasing font size and breaking content into smaller sections with call-out boxes, charts and other visual aids. This redesign was made possible with support from the St. Louis City Senior Fund.

The Senior Citizens Legal Handbook is available online now. Printed copies, provided with funding from the Missouri Bar, will be available soon through the Missouri Bar.

Coordinated by Legal Services staff, the handbook was very much a collaborative project, with many volunteer lawyers and other community advocates contributing their expertise to the various sections.

Legal Services Staff Attorney Victoria St. Jean, who edited this publication along with Associate Director of Client Services, Jeanne Philips-Roth, says, "We are extremely grateful to the large team of volunteer attorneys and others, including Legal Services staff, all of whom put in many hours of work crafting these Q&A chapters on a wide variety of subjects."

"Deep thanks go to the St. Louis City Senior Fund for their support throughout this long process and for formatting the Handbook with pictures, and to the Missouri Bar for supporting the printing of this Handbook!" she added.

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