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## **New Handbook Helps Seniors Answer Legal Questions**

KNOXVILLE – Legal Aid of East Tennessee and John T. O’Connor Senior Center will introduce the Tennessee Bar Association’s 2014 edition of *The Legal Handbook for Tennessee Seniors*, Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at O’Connor Center (611 Winona Street in Knoxville). The Handbook, originally published in 2001, has been updated by TBA’s Public Education Committee. The 2014 edition was officially released on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Older adults often don’t realize that there are legal services and programs available to help them. The updated Handbook contains practical information on a wide range of topics, including issues such as applying for Social Security benefits, long-term care considerations and estate planning, as well as completely new sections addressing online security and new health care legislation. An updated list of resources relevant for Tennessee Seniors is also included.

TBA President Cindy Wyrick will be joined by representatives of Legal Aid of East Tennessee and Knoxville/Knox County CAC’s Office on Aging, as well as Knoxville attorney Angelia Nystrom, who co-chairs TBA’s Public Education Committee. They will be available to answer questions concerning the Handbook, and have information on how to obtain copies. A limited number of Handbooks will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Senior adults, providers of senior services, and other interested persons are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information on this program, contact LAET’s Knoxville office at (865) 637-0484. For information on the 2014 edition of *The Legal Handbook for Tennessee Seniors*, contact the Tennessee Bar Association at (615) 383-7421 or email Public Education Coordinator Liz Todaro at ltodaro@tnbar.org.

*Legal Aid of East Tennessee’s mission is to ensure justice for elderly, abused, and low-income people by providing a broad scope of civil legal assistance and advocacy. LAET serves eligible persons in 26 counties through offices in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Johnson City, Maryville, and Morristown.*

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