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Preface and Acknowledgments

The basic overall process of legal research remains much the same; however, the continuing growth and development of new legal research tools necessitate an update to *Tennessee Legal Research*. While the value of the increasing incorporation of artificial intelligence into research tools can be overstated, new opportunities for different strategies might be available for more efficient searching. This third edition of Tennessee Legal Research identifies some of these newer legal information sources and highlights significant changes to existing sources since the second edition.

This new edition incorporates these updates into the discussion of a comprehensive legal research process, resulting in the most current explanation of researching Tennessee law. In addition to addressing uses and issues with artificial intelligence, other additions include discussions about court rules, dockets, and practice materials. A detailed appendix includes concise information on retrieving relevant Tennessee authorities from a wide range of sources, including print, free online resources, and paid commercial databases.

New to this edition is a companion website, <https://guides.lawlib.utk.edu/tnlr3d/>, hosting updated images of sources as well as links to other relevant Tennessee materials. The content is organized by book chapter and referenced throughout discussions in the book.

As with previous editions, *Tennessee Legal Research* was not developed in a vacuum. As part of a series, this book has benefited over time from the work of other authors publishing within the series and to them we owe a debt of gratitude. More specifically, the editions of this book have been greatly improved by series editors, Suzanne Rowe and more recently Tenielle Fordyce-Ruff, whose suggestions and recommendations have been

immensely valuable. Finally, we want to thank the faculty and staff of the University of Tennessee College of Law Library for their support, both direct and indirect, during the writing of this book. While the book has benefited from the wisdom and effort of many others, any errors are our own and we take responsibility for them. While we believe the book can serve as a text for new law students learning legal research, we also believe the book can serve as a useful guide and reference for anyone researching law in Tennessee. We hope it will be useful.

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