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## Preface and Acknowledgments

Significant change and important developments have occurred in the legal information world since the first edition of this book in 2007. The changes include both the continued proliferation of digital legal information sources as well as the sophistication of search engines. Sadly, less progress has been made to authenticate free or lower cost digital legal information. But the widespread availability and convenience of those sources demands that they play an increasing role in a savvy legal research process.

We discuss these recent changes to existing legal information sources in the second edition, while also acknowledging some of the newer sources. As with the first edition, this edition focuses on the use of these sources in a coherent research process we believe is uniquely tailored for researching legal issues in Tennessee.

*Tennessee Legal Research* was not developed in a vacuum. The first edition drew significantly from previous work by the Series Editor, Suzanne Rowe, and her book, *Oregon Legal Research*. A number of other people were involved, in addition to Suzanne, in editing and crafting the original text. Although many of these people identified in the preface to the first edition have moved along or retired, their original and valuable contributions remain reflected here in the second edition.

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