

# LAET's Miles to Present on Landlord Tenants rights in Blount County

“Eviction Law: Rights & Obligations of Landlords & Tenants” to be at Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (March 28, 2013) Under the law, both landlords and tenants have rights and obligations to fulfill to each other. It may be surprising to discover that some standard practices are not actually legal.

For example, if your landlord isn't making necessary repairs on the leaky roof, or if there's a hole in the window that lets cold (or hot) air in, do you know what you can do to ensure that the owner makes the repairs in a timely manner? As a landlord, if a renter hasn't paid the rent for three months, is it legal for you to go into the house and set all the furnishings and belongings out in the street?

**“Eviction Law: Landlord-Tenant's Rights and Obligations in Tennessee”** will be presented by Charity Miles Williams, attorney for Legal Aid of East Tennessee, on Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at the Blount County Public Library.

If you are a landlord, tenant, property manager/leasing agent, or housing provider, you will benefit from this presentation.

Miles will discuss the essential practical and legal aspects of landlord-tenant law in Tennessee. Specifically, the presentation will cover

§ the eviction timeline process--starting with the notice required by a landlord to evict a tenant all the way through the detainer/court process,

§ a tenant's rights to have repairs made at the residence,

§ information regarding the use and return of security deposits, and

§ the legal consequences of self-help evictions (physical set-out, changing locks, or utility cut-off to evict a tenant).

**Charity Miles Williams** received her Juris Doctorate and Masters of Public Administration from the University of Tennessee. She is a 2005 graduate of Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN. She is currently an attorney at Legal Aid of East Tennessee, where her primary focus is on housing law. Her primary role is providing legal representation to low-income persons who are currently facing eviction or at risk of eviction and/or foreclosure. She also provides outreach and education to assist those in the community on basic landlord/tenant rights and obligations under the Uniform Residential Landlord Tenant Act (URLTA). In addition to her role as an attorney, Charity is actively involved in several community and legal organizations.

Free and open to the public, the program is sponsored by the Blount County Public Library, located at 508 N. Cusick Street, Maryville.

For further information about library programs or services, call the library at 982-0981 or visit the Web site at [www.blountlibrary.org](http://www.blountlibrary.org) . To sign up to receive a monthly calendar by email, go to the library's Home Page, click on the "News and Events" tab, and then "Calendar of Events Signup" and type in your email address. Also check out Facebook at "Blount County Public Library" and Twitter at "Blount\_Library".

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