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EXPO LEGAL MANUAL IS VALUABLE RESOURCE TOOL

CHARLESTON, IL.--Legal services, estate planning, consumer affairs and sexual discrimination are but a few of the featured articles in a financial/legal manual to be distributed March 5 to Eastern Illinois University Expo and Health Fair registrants, according to Expo coordinator Sandy Rives of Charleston.

"Guidelines to Women's Financial/Legal Concerns" is the second in a series of manuals developed for the Women's Expo and Health Fair.

It is a reference manual dealing with legal issues of particular interest to women and many of the issues specifically address topics that attendees at Rives' summer luncheons have identified as subjects which they either have insufficient information about or would like to know more about.

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A six-member committee comprised of attorneys in public, private and corporate practice and EIU's Affirmative Action Director provided guidelines for the manual and contributed articles for the manual's seven sections which discuss such topics as living wills, living trusts, grandparents' rights, red flags for investors, sexual harassment, the court system and insurance for a surviving spouse or divorced/separated spouse.

The manual also contains a bibliography of legal and financial materials available in public libraries, as well as telephone tape materials available through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DECCA).

The committee was furnished materials by DECCA, Illinois State Bar Association, Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce and Allstate Insurance Company.

"It is a very readable manual that contains credible material about issues women are concerned about and should know more about," Rives said.

The financial/legal manual is similar to last year's health manual and is designed so that supplementary material can be added at future Women's Expos.

Rives said supplements to the health care manual will be distributed during Expo '88. The health care manual, developed by EIU and Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, is also a reference manual containing information about health issues that concern women personally and in their role as health advocates for their families.

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