

Looking Back and Looking Forward: The Nineteenth Amendment 100 Years Later
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To celebrate the approaching 100th anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, the theme of *Tennessee Law Review's* 2019 symposium is "Looking Back and Looking Forward: The Nineteenth Amendment 100 Years Later." The symposium will focus on both the power of women's vote and the evolution of women's political power since the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. Topics to be discussed include: the history of the Nineteenth Amendment, the fight for women's rights, women in the judiciary, women in the professional sphere, women in politics, the current state of voting rights in the United States, and the future of the women's rights movement in Tennessee.

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Time	Segment Title and Description
9:00—10:00	<p>Looking Back: The History of the Nineteenth Amendment Wanda Sobieski</p> <p>During this segment, attendees will learn about the history of the Nineteenth Amendment. Ms. Sobieski will talk about women's suffrage movement and the role that the state of Tennessee played in the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment.</p>
10:00—10:15	Break
10:15—11:15	<p>Looking Back: The Fight for Women's Rights Valorie K. Vojdik</p> <p>This segment will focus on whether the right to vote, on its own, was sufficient for American women to gain political power. Professor Vojdik will discuss the important role that the courts played in the fight for women's rights. Attendees will learn that many of the channels of political power excluded women for many years after the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified and that these exclusions made it necessary to turn to the courts to advance the cause of women's equality.</p>
11:15—12:15	<p>Women in the Judiciary <i>Moderator</i> Justice Sharon G. Lee <i>Panelists</i> Judge Bernice Donald Judge Julia Smith Gibbons Judge Pam Reeves Judge Jane Stranch</p> <p>This panel focuses on the role of women in the judiciary in the state of Tennessee. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear a discussion about women's representation in the Tennessee judiciary and will learn about the career paths of many of the state's most prominent female judges.</p>
12:15—1:15	Lunch
1:15—2:15	<p>A Seat at the Table <i>Moderator</i> Michelle Kwon <i>Panelists</i> Jennifer S. Fan Joan McLeod Heminway Elle McCulty Brooklyn Sawyers Dana Drew Shaw</p>

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	<p>This panel will focus on obstacles to women’s equality in the professional sphere. Topics to be discussed include: the path to leadership in law firms, how gender impacts investments, the disparate funding of women’s collegiate athletic programs, and more.</p>
2:15—2:35	<p>Introduction to Voting Rights Allison Riggs</p> <p>This segment focuses on the current issues in voting rights law. Allison Riggs, who is currently litigating redistricting cases at the United States Supreme Court level, will discuss the current state federal voting rights jurisprudence.</p>
2:35—3:15	<p>Voting Rights as Human Rights <i>Moderator</i> Joy Radice <i>Panelists</i> Ursula Bailey Valeria Gomez Shanna Hughey Martesha Johnson Rene Kessler</p> <p>Although the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified nearly 100 years ago, many women in the United States continue to face barriers that prevent their access to the polls. This panel will discuss intersectionality issues that prevent women from realizing their power at the polls. Attendees will learn about how race, poverty, criminal history, and other issues impact women’s ability to vote.</p>
3:15—3:30	<p>Break</p>
3:50—4:30	<p>Women in Politics <i>Moderator</i> Lucille Jewel <i>Panelists</i> Jamie Ballinger Becky Duncan Massey Lakenya Middlebrook Amelia Parker Lisa Quigley</p> <p>This panel focuses on issues facing women in the political sphere. Panelists include women who have run for office in Tennessee and women who have worked on political campaigns and in congressional offices. Topics to be discussed include the record number of women running for political office, rhetoric commonly used to disparage women in political campaigns, and trends in female voting.</p>
4:30—5:30	<p>Looking Forward Margaret Behm Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey</p> <p>This segment will focus on how attendees can utilize knowledge about the history of the women’s suffrage movement to continue the fight for women’s rights. Margaret Behm and Judge Martha Daughtrey, both trailblazers for women in the legal profession, will discuss the future of the women’s rights movement in Tennessee.</p>