

WHAT IF IT WERE POSSIBLE...

for victims of domestic violence in any community in the country, urban or rural, instantly to get the legal information that they need to escape abuse?

Want more information?

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WomensLaw.org's mission is to provide easy-to-understand legal information and resources to women living with or escaping domestic violence and to empower them to lead independent and productive lives, free from abuse.

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WHAT WOMENSLAW.ORG DOES

- *One-stop national resource for actionable legal information needed by domestic violence victims and advocates.* WomensLaw.org's site publishes state-specific legal information, such as how to get a restraining order without a lawyer, and information about local community resources nationwide.
- *Email hotline.* WomensLaw staff responds to email requests for help by answering legal questions, providing referrals, and supporting women who often are not ready or able to talk to someone in person.

WHY BLUE RIDGE SUPPORTS WOMENSLAW.ORG

By providing a first-of-its kind national web-based resource for domestic violence victims and advocates, WomensLaw.org has the possibility:

- To give isolated women the information and support they need to escape domestic violence;
- To provide a comprehensive overview of domestic violence resources in local communities across the country and facilitate collaboration among complimentary service providers;
- To respond to the immediate needs of women and advocates through a unique email hotline service;

SOME OF WOMENSLAW.ORG'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- Number of unique website visitors: from 1,000 in 2001 to 51,000 per month in 2005
- Number of emails to the email hotline: from 50 in 2002 to 650 per month in 2005

FUNDING

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	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005*
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