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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Janet S. Ellis (b. July 18, 1953) of Noblesville, Indiana is an active women's rights and anti-war advocate. She graduated cum laude with her bachelor's degree from University of Illinois in 1975. Ellis later graduated from Maurer Law School at Indiana University Bloomington in 1981, and was admitted to the bar for the states of Indiana (1981) and Texas (1982). She specializes in probate, estate, tax, and trust areas of law.

Janet was active in the women's rights and gender equality movement in Indiana during the 1980s and 1990s. She was a member of the Gender Fairness Coalition of Indiana and represented this organization as a state legislative lobbyist from 1990-1996. As a lobbyist, she worked on legislation concerning reproductive rights, child care, prenatal care, the Uniform Marital Property Act, sexual harassment, domestic violence, and abortion.

Janet also helped establish the Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) in 1992. This was the first state commission that aimed to promote women's full participation of Indiana women in government, politics, business, education, law, and all aspects of state life. Her work as a legislative lobbyist and chairwoman on the Indiana Commission for Women pushed the state legislature to allow the ICW to be a permanent commission in 1996.

In addition to women's rights activism, Janet also worked several anti-nuclear war organizations in Indianapolis during the 1980s. She voiced her anti-nuclear war opinion to many letters to state and federal lawmakers and was member of Indianapolis Nuclear Weapons Freeze organization from 1987-1990. Indianapolis Nuclear Weapons Inc. was a grassroots non-profit organization committed to finding viable alternatives to the nuclear arms race in the late 1980s.

Sources:

Materials found in the collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains Janet Ellis' personal records from her time and membership of several Indianapolis-based women's organizations. This collection contains brochures, conference advertisements, planning documents, recruitment and memberships lists, legislative history and research areas for the coalition, correspondence and meeting minutes (1990-2000), from the Gender Fairness Coalition of Indiana. The collection also includes materials from the Indiana Commission for Women, including applications, letters of encouragement, legislation, membership lists, and activities lists from 1992-1996.

This collection also contains anti-nuclear warfare materials such as letters to state and federal lawmakers, anti-nuclear war research, and meeting minutes and the newsletters from the Indianapolis Nuclear War Freeze Inc from 1987-1991.

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