Community lawyer urges people to get involved

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local issues.

"Most of what I've been doing is getting to know the players," she said. "Everyone is very friendly, coming up and introducing themselves."

She is settling into a her new home in Winsted, and though she said work tends to occupy much of her time, she enjoys concerts, reading, camping and hiking.

In her role as a community advocate, she said she is looking forward to working with people, helping them to deal effectively with their concerns on a political and legal level. Underlying her commitment to her work is a firm belief in grass roots efforts and the hope that, with some knowledge about the law, more citizens will get involved in their community.

"If it doesn't start here, where's it going to start? It's not going to trickle down. It's got to trickle up. That's how influence is going to be made," she said.

"You've got to fight for freedom and fight doesn't necessarily mean guns and killing, it means involvement and concern," she said. "I hope the office will encourage people to think along those lines, to think in those terms."