

## ***Social Worker Joins C&T Staff***

Meet Jill Clouser, RSW, the newest member of Chalgian & Tripp Law Offices, PLLC. As the firm's first social worker, Jill will be playing a unique role. Part of her job will involve helping clients with long term care placement issues, and part of the time she will be maintaining contacts with the numerous organizations and entities that the firm interacts with.

"We feel like this is a great step for us" said Firm Partner Rhonda Clark. "The nature of elder law is such that the needs of our clients often cross over from law to social work. Clients often have questions about the best place for their loved ones to be cared for, or what types of services would be necessary to keep them safe in their home. These are issues that attorneys are not particularly well-suited to answer."



*Jill Clouser, RSW*

Clark also stated: "there are only a few elder law firms in the nation that have taken the step of bringing a social worker into their firm to help clients with these non-legal issues. We are very pleased to be taking this step now. Jill is just a great person, and we are confident that her education and personal skills are going to add a lot of value to what we can do for our clients."

Ms. Clouser brings a wealth of experience to the firm. Her background includes Director of Marketing for Lloyd Ganton Retirement Centers/Arbor Manor Rehab, Hospice Social Worker, and Case Manager Eligibility Specialist with the Region II Area Agency on Aging. Jill is a graduate of Western Michigan University where she received her Bachelors in Social Work. In addition to her employment, Jill volunteers with the Humane Society and as co-chair of the Jackson County TRIAD, and as Chair of the Jackson Catholic Charities Senior Services Advisory Board.