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Welcome to The Quattro Firm

At the Quattro firm, we believe in viewing our client as a whole person as opposed to just a set of legal issues. We believe that in order to be a successful advocate, we must be able to understand the full needs of our clients, not just the legal needs. By using this full understanding, we advocate with compassion.

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Meet The Ladies Of The Quattro Firm



Nicole McNamara Quattrocchi is the founding member of the Quattro Firm. She is a 2008 Southern Methodist University Law School graduate and a 2004 Wake Forest University Graduate. Nicole is a licensed Texas attorney where her practice involved mostly civil and commercial litigation. Nicole has been licensed in Florida since 2014 and has centered most of her practice on domestic relations law.

Nicole has spent a lot of time volunteering in her legal career whether it be through pro bono cases or through assisting at the Hurricane Katrina Relief Clinic in law school. Nicole believes in viewing the client as a whole person and not just a specific legal issue and therefore has, thus far, taken every case that the firm can handle, regardless of inability to pay. She is a passionate and compassionate attorney who looks forward to working with people across the spectrum of life with all of their legal needs.



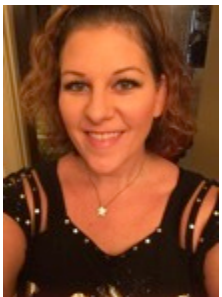
Melanie Bruchet is a 2012 graduate of Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, Georgia, where she received her J.D. and a Certificate in Advanced Legal Writing, Research, and Drafting from Mercer's top rated legal writing program. Melanie served on the Board of Directors for the Stonewall Bar Association of Georgia as well as completed internships at CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Children and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey.

Melanie has presented nationally on the subjects of human trafficking and LGBT youth in the juvenile court system. She also co-authored an amicus brief to the Georgia Supreme Court on the issue of post-separation custodial rights and the emotional effect on children of divorced parents. Melanie maintains an active bar license in Georgia and is sworn in to both the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court. A South Florida native, she currently lives in Asheville, North Carolina.



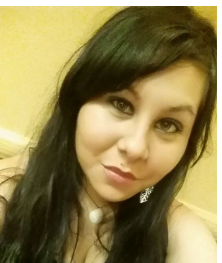
Lauren Reyes is a 2014 graduate from Charlotte School of Law in Charlotte, North Carolina where she received her J.D. and was awarded Highest Pro Bono Distinctions with over 447 hours of Pro Bono work for local non-profits including the Latin American Coalition, the Southeast Asian Coalition, and Catholic Charities. Lauren's Pro Bono work includes drafting Articles of Incorporation for a local organization, drafting and Filing 1023 for 501(c)(3) organization, performing extensive document research for Deferred Action Clients, and assisting with Naturalization and Deferred Action Clinics.

Lauren is originally from Wilmington, North Carolina and currently sits as an Executive Board member of Sister's By Grace Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing funds and opportunities for development in academics, leadership, spiritual growth, and mission work for young women.



Sarah Doran has been working professionally in accounting since 2005. Her experience includes conducting, supervising, and reviewing annual audits, bookkeeping and payroll, and compilations and examinations of the financial records of a wide range of businesses including non-profits, law firms, restaurants, 401(k) plans, and other service industries.

Sarah attended Florida Atlantic University earning her degree in Mathematics and attending an additional two years of studies in Accounting and Business Administration. She is originally from West Palm Beach, FL. She is a supporting member of Compass Lake Worth, United Way and Farm Sanctuary, and she volunteers at various fundraising events for local charities.



Kristin Fitzpatrick was born in New York, but raised in Florida. Her background is Early Childhood and as much as she loves her field, she also loves learning new things and being a well-rounded person. Her ultimate goal is to finish college where she is currently studying to be a speech-pathologist for children who have special needs.

Kristin is conversational- fluent in American Sign Language, and some Spanish. She enjoys cooking, reading, helping others and traveling. She also loves watching criminal cases/law shows. Kristin cannot wait to learn more about the law and enjoy all of the experience that the Quattro Firm has to give her.

Read more about The Quattro Firm Ladies at www.thequattrofirm.com

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The Quattro Firm enjoying supper club at Mar-A-Lago



Nicole and Lauren check out Pioneer Linens' new picnic linens

+ Our Practice Areas

Family Law & Domestic Relations
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Nicole celebrating "National Be Nice To Lawyer's Day" with some of the fabulous lawyers from Gary Roberts and Associates

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Nicole attending a Tea Party & Lecture with Author Leta Austin Foster of Traditional Interiors held at Pioneer linens



Easter celebrations with the McNamara Quattrocchi family

May Promo

“Supporting a Woman’s Right to Shoes”

Take a picture of you rocking your favorite shoes. Men and Women are invited to participate.

3 top “liked” photos on The Quattro Firm’s Facebook page by May 31st will win!

1st place: 1 free hour of attorney time

2nd place: \$50 off bill

3rd place: Free consultation

Contest starts May 1st and runs through May 31st, Applicants must “like” The Quattro Page and post the above-described picture. Check out the Facebook page for more rules and example posts.



Nicole’s example for our May Promo “Supporting a Woman’s Right to Shoes”

The Quattro Firm Believes In Female Empowerment

According to the National Women's Business Council, as of 2012 there were 9,932,424 women-owned businesses in the United States, however when it comes to women run law firms the numbers were few and far between. In fact, in 2013 the American Bar Association reported that women make up only 34% of the legal profession, and of those women only 20.2% were partners in the firms. As of April 2015, only 12 of the largest 100 U.S. run law firms have a woman in their highest leadership position. The Quattro Firm strives to make a change in these numbers.

Being an all female firm gives the Quattro Firm a unique advantage when it comes to handling cases and clients. In addition, being an all female firm fills us with a sense of pride and empowerment. We love to support female run businesses and each month we will recognize one female run company in the area.

As we continue to recognize female entrepreneurs to celebrate female empowerment, this month we had the distinct pleasure of visiting with the glamorous Dorothee Leiser of Closet Cathartic. We got to take a first hand look at how Dorothee is able to manage an entirely online retail consignment business and to look good while doing it.

Dorothee began her business out of necessity originally. She had been working a lucrative job selling fine European imports, but her closet was not working for her. She had too many things and not enough space, a problem that plagues many of us. So Dorothee made a decision: she'd begin selling some of her own things to make room. She came up with the principle that for every one thing she wanted to purchase, she had to



sell five of her own things. When Dorothee was laid



off the next year at Christmas, faced family tragedy and needed to support her husband who was in school, she was encouraged to make her hobby into a full time business.

Closet Cathartic is an online consignment business that is commissions based and specializes in lightly

used vintage and designer women's clothing. Dorothee collects pieces from customers and shops them on eight different online forums in order to secure the best prices. While most consignment shops take 40-60% of the purchase price, Dorothee takes only 20%.

When it comes to her competitors, Dorothee isn't worried. The difference in the commissions being a big incentive for potential sellers aside, Dorothee considers herself a personal stylist for her customers. She enjoys custom locating items for her buyers, but also knows how, where, and in some cases to whom, the items should be sold. Her biggest goal is that the buyers get something they love.

Dorothee most enjoys the fact that as a woman, we have the power to choose how we want to be seen: through makeup, clothing, and accessories. She describes this as the woman's artifice and she finds all of it very empowering. Her favorite part of being a woman in the online retail consignment business is all the interpersonal relationships with women



that she has developed over the years. She feels that she is promoting a sense of “fierceness.” She loves to help clients with specific needs who no longer need to be embarrassed or to come home in tears from a bad experience trying to shop in the mall. She has clients of all shapes and sizes and in some cases can trade items between clients who have similar sizes and needs.

Dorothee credits her success through a lot of hard work, never seeing failure as a regret and always seeing each setback as a learning experience. She feels strongly that some battles with “trial and error” are important. She also feels that her success comes from a strong knowledge of herself and knowing her own strengths.

As with the ups and downs of fashion, Dorothee has experienced adversity as a result of being a woman in this industry. When men work in retail, people often assume it’s their career choice but for a woman, people perceive it as a mere stepping-stone. A woman’s age also plays into this perception: young girls can work in retail and it’s just a “temporary job,” but for a woman in her 30s and 40s, people often ask, “but what do you want to do with your life?” Dorothee is happy with her career in administrative and managerial retail and wouldn’t have it any other way.

There are advantages to being a woman in this industry. Dorothee described it in one word: intuition. As a woman dealing mostly with other women, there’s a sense of trust that is instilled between them. Through this trusting relationship, Dorothee is able to use her woman’s intuition to know just how to promote, list and market items to get the best results for her customers.

As far as Dorothee’s favorite items to sell, she likes shoes and purses because they are her personal favorite to buy. Clothing may not always look good or fit, but shoes and purses never make you look “fat.” Dorothee’s personal favorite “find” was at a garage sale when she bought what she assumed was a fake double panel Chanel purse for \$20. When she took it home and cleaned it up, she realized it was real. Yet, don’t go looking on Closet Cathartic

for this purse, it ended up in Dorothee’s personal closet and she’s not ready to part with it just yet.

In regards to advice for other entrepreneurial women, Dorothee advises to be smart about what you do. If you feel that creating your own business is something you would want to do, then don’t



worry about investing everything you have; you can start small and invest as you go. She thinks it’s smart to figure out your business before you attempt to grow it. Her advice in retail terms is this: “If you wouldn’t buy it for yourself, then why would other people want to?”

The Quattro Firm loved getting to know on-line retail consignment through Dorothee and Closet Cathartic. As a start up firm, we will definitely take the advice to heart. We look forward to shopping with Closet Cathartic in the future.

Thank you to Dorothee Leiser and Closet Cathartic for sharing her story and educating us on just how her business works. Next time, we hope she arrives with some samples, preferably some of the Christian Louboutin persuasion.

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“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”

— Sally Berger

A Note From The Quattro Firm

Once again, we appreciate all of your support of the Quattro Firm. As we enter our rainy season, we hope that you will think of us to plan ahead for rainy days. Thank you and may you all enjoy a beautiful spring.

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