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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 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.



Robert J. Fraxedas specializes in Estate and Tax Planning, as well as Estate Administration and Litigation. He is a 2015 University of Miami graduate (LL.M. – Estate Planning) and a 2005 University of Florida graduate (J.D.). Robert has been licensed in Florida since 2006, and currently lives in Boca Raton.

Robert regularly presents seminars on estate planning and probate matters throughout the state of Florida. A former president of Citrus Civitan, Robert believes in donating time and hands-on effort to the less fortunate. He has organized fundraising events for people with congenital disabilities, mentors underprivileged school-age children, and volunteers at homeless shelters. He strongly believes in providing all clients the best legal counsel possible, from highly compensated executives to impoverished individuals.



Jacqueline Lavoie Spence has been a practicing Florida Attorney for 5 years. She was born and raised in Queens, New York and moved to Florida in 2009.

She obtained her law degree from Nova Southeastern University and has a diverse background in many areas of law, but primarily focuses on Family law.



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.

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Maria Kontos obtained her Bachelor of Arts from Florida Atlantic University in 1995. Ms. Kontos has over 16 years of experience working on complex and voluminous civil, criminal and family law cases which involve organizing thousands of documents, discovery and file organization.

Ms. Kontos is intricately involved in the defense of all of the firm's clients' cases and takes great pride in assisting and working toward a favorable outcome in each case.



Sarah Kontos 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.



Jennifer Mondone is the office manager of the Quattro Firm. Jennifer grew up in upstate New York. She is a graduate of the Ohio State University where she studied financial management and business administration. Since graduating she's lived in North Carolina and settled in Florida for the last 13 years. This is her first job at a law firm but has previously dabbled in the insurance and mortgage industry, most recently in management for restaurants, from start ups to corporate chains and sales.

Jennifer also assisted in co-creating 2 humans which for the last 6 years has been her main focus and accomplishment. She enjoys spending her time with the family, paddle boarding, volunteering at the kids school, movie nights and anything involving wine or mimosas.

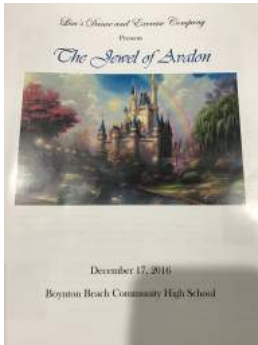


Kristin Fitzpatrick was born in New York, but raised in Florida. Her background is Early Childhood and as much as she loves her field, she also loves learning new things and being a well-rounded person. Her ultimate goal is to finish college where she is currently studying to be a speech-pathologist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

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The Quattro Firm was proud to be a Platinum Sponsor of Lisa's Dance and Exercise's presentation of the Jewel of Avalor.



Nicole Quattrocchi with Jason Pritt, a Vice President of Small Business Banking at Bank of America attending the Youth Empowerment Luncheon where Keynote Speaker Kimberly Bryant spoke about the importance of generating more opportunities for young people, particularly young women and young African American women to gain the knowledge and experience required for a career in engineering and technical industries.

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Marital Contracts
Civil Litigation
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General Litigation
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Estate Planning
Wills & Trusts
Probate Litigation
Probate Administration

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Nicole, Steve and their children pose at the Mar-a-Lago Christmas show.



January Promotion

You asked for it, you got it! Throughout the month of January, we will be giving away free legal work. Follow us throughout the month to see the alert for free services. Respond to the post telling us why you deserve free legal work. A winner will be chosen the next business day.

Rules: You must use the hashtags #freelegalwork and #TheQuattroFirm.

The contest starts January 1st and runs through January 31st. Applicants must "like" The Quattro Facebook Page and post with the hashtags to the individual promotions.

Prizes will include: free estate plans, free living will, free consultation, free contract review, free contract draft, free month of monthly flat rate work and more!

We look forward to hearing why you deserve free legal work!



Attorney Michelle Messina Yates visited the office when she was in town from Washington, D.C.



The Quattro Firm's Holiday Party



The Importance of Estate Planning

By Nicole McNamara Quattrocchi



People often ask me “what’s the big deal with estate planning?” “Shouldn’t all my money and property go to my spouse anyway?” “Can’t I just tell my mom to care for my kids if I die?” “Shouldn’t my spouse automatically have power of attorney if I am incapacitated?”



The answer I give them is a resounding “no.” People are often misinformed as to the operation of law in these kinds of matters. You’re much safer and much better protected if you have done some estate planning.

There is no “automatic” grant of a guardianship or durable power of attorney so the short story is that if you haven’t properly prepared and you suffer an injury or illness that leaves you wholly or partially incapacitated, you need to petition the court for such things through a representative. In order to get to that stage, you (and your family and/or spouse) will have to undergo lengthy and financially exhausting legal procedures.

You may have discussed under what circumstances you’d like your family or spouse to “pull the plug” and who you would like to be that person. Unfortunately, without the proper paperwork on file, the person may be so grief-stricken that he/she cannot perform despite your wishes. Worse yet, there may be family members fighting regarding conversations that each of them remember having with you (which may or may not have actually occurred) in which the stories are conflicting. Sometimes people are emotionally overwhelmed and cannot remember conversations, sometimes they think conversations



"Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong."

—Ella Fitzgerald

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happened, which did not, and sometimes people lie.

Worst of all, as many have experienced, to go through the probate system for inheritance is expensive and often involves family feuding. If your loved ones are not fully aware of your wishes for the distribution of your assets, people fight over who gets what and when. The death of a family member can cause a family to destroy itself. With a will in place, you and your wishes are protected. Families can still fight over a will, but at least they are clear on what

your thoughts were when you made it.



Nothing is more tragic than a child who loses both parents simultaneously. These are the situations that we warn all parents of minors who grace our door to protect against. Personally, I would not want my children sitting in the hospital while my husband and I are dying or incapacitated and have to be taken home by child protective services because the family is arguing over who should be their guardian and who we would have chosen to be the guardian, had we gotten around to setting such an arrangement up before hand.



Estate planning is crucial to a family. It's crucial to a single person. Unfortunately, we never know when our last day may be nor can we be sure that we won't be struck down with an incapacitating illness



that will require someone else to make our decisions for us. You never want to be unprepared. Therefore, stop delaying and ask the difficult questions. Make those decisions that we all don't want to think about and create an estate plan. We can help you with these difficult decisions; all you need to do is make an appointment and ask.



A Note From The Quattro Firm

As you recover from the joy and expense of the holidays, please remember that we are here to help protect your family and your businesses.

Thank you.



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