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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, where she is studying to take the North Carolina bar exam.



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 in 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.

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

#### The Quattro Firm About Town



Nicole and Lauren celebrating the holidays in style with friends and family.



In typical
Palm Beach
fashion,
Nicole and
family joined
in at the
Christmas
Tree lighting
on Worth
Avenue.

#### + Our Practice Areas

Family Law & Domestic
Relations
Marital Contracts
Civil Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Corporate Matters
Business Formation
Contract Drafting & Review
General Litigation
LGBT Issues & Custody
Estate Planning
Wills & Trusts







The Quattro firm was thrilled to join The Guild of St. Edward's Church in a new members tea.

### The Quattro Firm Gives Back



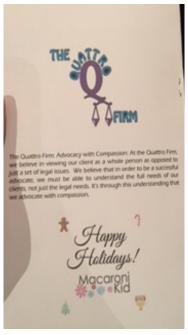




Nicole was delighted to present to the Monsignor of St. Edward's Church a chalice from Rome blessed by Pope Francis.







The Quattro Firm was proud to support the arts by sponsoring a production of the Nutcracker put on by Lisa's Dance and Exercise Studio.



#### The Quattro Firm Believes In Female Empowerment

According to the National Women's Business Council, as of 2012 there were 9,932,424 womenowned 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.



In continuance of our monthly celebration of female empowerment, The Quattro Firm had the great privilege of meeting with amazing Entrepreneur Penny Murphy, the current matriarch of Pioneer Linens. Penny shared with us some of her story as the first woman in charge of her family-run business, including her adversities and successes.

Pioneer Linens is a business started by Penny's grandfather, Max Greenberg, back in 1912. He was an Austrian immigrant who lived in a tent as the city of Lake Worth developed around him. Wanting to create a better life for future generations, he started his own business called Pioneer Company and began

selling hardware and things people would need to build their homes, including iceboxes in order to make living more comfortable.





After a tragic flood all but destroyed his store in Lake Worth, Pioneer Company, opened up at its current location on Clematis Street in Downtown West Palm Beach. It was in this location that the store truly took shape as Max switched from selling hardware to selling dishes, linens and other household items to make a house a home.

In the 1950's, Penny's father, George Greenberg, took over the store and began selling fine linens and thereby creating the upscale brand it is known for today. In the 1980's, the name was changed to Pioneer Linens to better reflect the current merchandise.

However, George was a traditional man and had raised Penny to make a home for a family, not to be the head of a successful business. It took George some time to see that his daughter had the makings of an amazing businessperson. He wanted to protect her from the stress of it all, but Penny was willing, able and ready to help to make the company an even bigger success and more importantly to take it into the 21st Century. Penny was officially brought into the company in the 90's and had many ideas for the store, including bringing in new designers and taking the store on-line. (Continued on page 6)

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When her father passed away in 2007, just 5 years short of the 100-year anniversary, Penny knew she had big shoes to fill. She was determined to keep the store thriving in her father's honor. After keeping to the success and traditions that George had created in the store, Penny finally realized that the key to success is to grow with the times, just as her grandfather Max had. She began to change the store to fit the growing needs of her customers. In 2012 Pioneer Linens marked it's 100th year in business, and Penny was awarded Small Business Person of the Year. Today, Pioneer Linens is not only a Palm Beach County tradition with customers who have spanned generations, but a huge on-line success and a household name for those who like the finer things in life.

Penny attributes her success to an active relationship with her customers. She loves talking to her customers and values their feedback. It's this and her ability to keep a large stock of inventory that sets Pioneer Linens ahead of the competition. Penny is always learning new things and she's not afraid to ask questions. It's this humility that gives her store the ability to grow and change with the supply and demand of the times.



Pioneer Linens is now training its fourth generation. All three of Penny's children work for the business and love the store as much as Penny, her father and her grandfather. Penny loves having the ability to work with her children, but also finds it rewarding to know that they all have a vested interest in the success of the store and are filled with innovative new ideas for where the store can go in the future. However, Penny jokes that the store is the imaginary sixth member of the family and it's sometimes hard to talk about anything else.

Penny Murphy has succeeded in having it all, both a rewarding and successful career that she loves and a wonderful family with whom she can share it. To other entrepreneurial women, Penny's advice is to do what you love because owning a business is a 24/7 job. Penny also reminded us to always watch the bottom line.





It was a joy to sit down with Penny and hear her story. She's an inspiration to women everywhere, and evidence that women should never be underestimated. Being fans of Pioneer Linens, we were dying to find out what Penny's favorite product from Pioneer Linens was and we weren't disappointed in discovering that she cannot live without her overstuffed St. Petersburg King-sized pillow. Once again, thank you to Pioneer Linens and Penny Murphy for taking time to share her story.

"We need women at all levels, including the top, to change the dynamic, reshape the conversation, to make sure women's voices are heard and heeded, not overlooked and ignored." —Sheryl Sandberg

### A Note From The Quattro Firm

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with thankfulness, and we want to personally thank each of you for your support of The Quattro Firm. We are grateful for your insights, encouragement, and feedback, and we look forward to assisting you with any legal needs that you may have.

Please follow us on social media to keep up with the latest developments in the firm, and for any special offers.

We wish you and yours the best and brightest of holidays.

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