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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.



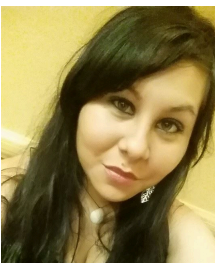
**Lauren Reyes** is a 2014 graduate from Charlotte School of Law in Charlotte, North Carolina where she received her J.D. and was awarded Highest Pro Bono Distinctions with over 447 hours of Pro Bono work for local non-profits including the Latin American Coalition, the Southeast Asian Coalition, and 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](http://www.thequattrofirm.com)

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The Quattro ladies enjoy a night of networking with our newest Quattro lady Kristin Fitzpatrick



The Quattro Firm is pleased to announce the newest addition to our firm, our intern Kristin Fitzpatrick. Kristin is a highly motivated, intelligent college student who aspires to one day work with children.

Kristin has enjoyed working in a new field where we help children and families, as well as companies and individuals to protect their interests. She has embraced the Quattro Firm mentality where we look at the whole individual and not just their set of problems. She is realizing that sometimes the practice of law at this firm involves things completely unrelated the law so that we can fully help our clients.

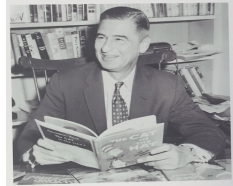
Kristin is a welcome addition and we look forward to seeing what she can do next. She looks forward to working with you at the Quattro Firm.



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**ABOUT THE ARTIST**  
HE WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL DOCTOR, BUT HIS PRESCRIPTION FOR FUN HAS DELIGHTED READERS FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS.

**THEODOR SEUSS GEISEL ("TED")**  
was born on March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Massachusetts. A doodler at heart, Ted often remarked, with a twinkle in his eye, that he never really learned to draw. His school notebooks often included imaginative creatures that framed sporadic notes he had taken in class.



**FOR OVER 60 YEARS,**  
Dr. Seuss's illustrations brought a visual realization to his fantastic and imaginary worlds. However, his artistic talent went far beyond the printed page, as in his Secret Art works – the paintings and sculpture he did at night for himself that he rarely exhibited during his lifetime. Dr. Seuss always dreamed of sharing these work



Nicole and family  
taking in a local art  
exhibit celebrating  
Dr. Seuss



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## 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.

For the fourth installment of our monthly celebration of female empowerment, the Quattro Firm welcomed the opportunity to have lunch with the decadent temptress of the catering world, Ann King of Ann Z Catering. Ann brought us lunch and told us the story of a woman who owned an art gallery turning to a life in catering.



Ann decided she would start her catering business for the sole purpose of having some fun. She had owned an art galley previously and went on a

vacation to Spain, which inspired her to become a caterer. Ann always loved to help friends with their parties and thought that by opening a catering business, she could make a business out of making parties beautiful. As she had no experience in the area and could not cook herself, her friends and family were shocked. Yet, Ann was smart. She knew that to be a success in any business, you must hire the best. Just 3 years later, she was named the best caterer of the Palm Beaches.



Ann believes the key to her success as a woman in business, is that she never felt the difference between her and any of the men in her field. She didn't treat them any differently and she saw herself as an equal. She believes that the fact that she is a woman is advantageous when it comes to client communication. Ann is on an equal standing with her clients, which allows her to help to create the event that the client is looking to produce.

As far as her competition, Ann isn't worried. She feels that her fabulous food with incredible presentations served by her amazing staff and of course, her ability to be flexible has kept her a step

ahead and is a key to her success. Ann's favorite part of her job is the creative aspects and the opportunity to make things pretty. She describes it as "fluffing" and her opportunity to be creative and over the top, when appropriate. Ann loves all of the creative process from creating the custom menus for the events to setting the ambiance and the flair. She thinks of her platters as paintings and therefore decorates them accordingly.

Ann loves to cater galas, charities and events in people's home. These are her favorite types of events to cater because they allow better communication with the host/hostess. These are also the opportunities, which allow for her to indulge in more creativity and customize the event for the occasion.

Ann has faced some adversity as everyone has. Her business fell victim to the economic crisis in 2008, but they have come back stronger than ever. Ann advises other entrepreneurial women to go for it even through adversity. She says to just pick yourself up and go for it. If you can emerge, you will succeed.

Of all of the tasty and delicious items on her custom menus, it's hard to imagine picking a favorite. After some hesitation and pondering, Ann finally admitted that her absolute favorite is their wild mushroom creamy brandy sauce. We must admit that it does sound enticing.

It was such a pleasure to visit with Ann and enjoy some of her delicious catering first hand. Ann is an inspiration to us as a woman who decided to try something new and turned it into a catering empire with over 30 years in business.

Thanks again to the incredible Ann King of Ann Z's Catering for sharing her fascinating story of her transition from the art world to the catering world and the secrets of her mouthwatering success.



**"Why has the word [feminism] become such an uncomfortable one?  
It is not the word that is important; it's the idea and the ambition  
behind it." —Emma Watson**

## A Note From The Quattro Firm

As always, The Quattro Firm would like to thank you for all of your support. In a month where we celebrate love, we hope that you will think of us when it comes to protecting the ones that you love.

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