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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.

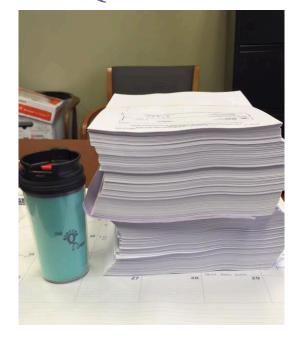


Sarah Doran has been working professionally in accounting since 2005. Her experience includes conducting, supervising, and reviewing annual audits, bookkeeping and payroll, and compilations and examinations of the financial records of a wide range of businesses including non-profits, law firms, restaurants,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



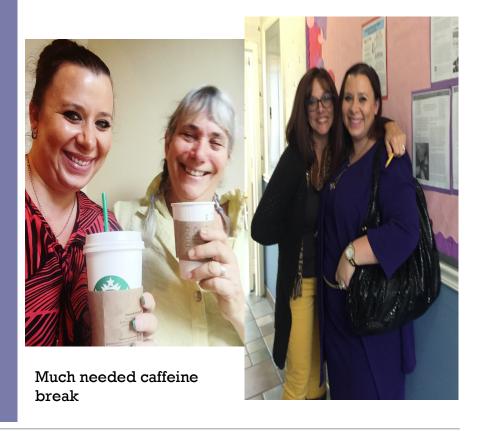
The Quattro Firm hard at work with mountains of documents



Nicole catching up with local educators

#### + Our Practice Areas

Family Law & Domestic
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Civil Litigation
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Corporate Matters
Business Formation
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General Litigation
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Estate Planning
Wills & Trusts



#### 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.



For the third installment of our monthly celebration of female empowerment, the Quattro Firm was blessed to take a meeting with self-starter and dessert goddess Judy Leibovit of Sweet Endings Dessert. Judy shared with us the secrets of her delicious success beginning with her humble beginnings to the promise of a profitable 2016.

Funny enough, the West Palm Beach dessert queen didn't begin her culinary career with desserts; instead she started with a catering business. After meeting her future partner during an interview for an advertisement company, the two were able to turn a profit of over \$250,000. Judy took a break from the company to focus on her marriage and her twin girls,

but she soon felt the call to get back into the culinary world.

In Florida, Judy partnered with another woman who had been selling cakes to Channel 5. With this partnership, they went from selling 5 cakes a week to 12 cakes a week with minimal supplies; Judy spent \$250 to pay for supplies to start baking. Judy



began Sweet Endings with just a handheld mixer, a block of chocolate, sugar and flour. When her partner got pregnant and decided to leave the business within a couple of months, Judy set her eyes on bigger sales. She packed up her cakes in her red Jeep and went door to door to restaurants like Chuck and Harold's, and the Palm Beach Yacht Club, and convinced them to purchase her cakes. That first step in the door led her to selling cakes to numerous local restaurants and making at least 25 cakes a week out of her own kitchen.



It was then that Judy decided it was time to grow the company even more. She began talking to local distributors. One local distributor took a chance on her and gave Judy a purchase order for 12 different kinds of cakes. After returning home with her first purchase order she needed a name, a logo, item (cont'd on page 5)

numbers, and packaging and quickly had to figure how to price her products for food service; thus Sweet Endings was born.

Sweet Endings is a frequent product on QVC, which Judy explains has been very exciting. She describes it as a blessing, which she never could have anticipated. She's amazed to be standing alongside celebrities and to know that her desserts are gaining national coverage due to her hard work and effort.

Today, Sweet Endings Desserts has been baking delicious cakes for over 26 years, they ship all over the world, and is slowly becoming a household name. They manufacture more than 100 great-tasting



and beautifully decorated desserts.

Judy thinks that Sweet Endings Desserts is a step above the competition because of their use of fresh ingredients and high quality ingredients, including real butter instead of margarine. Sweet Endings is kosher and hand decorated too.

But this rise to culinary fame has not been easy, Judy believes that any woman can do anything that a man can do and believes that one key to success is to treat everyone equally, no matter their position in a company. Judy never takes no for an answer and firmly believes "There's no stopping you, as long as you believe in yourself"

The Quattro Firm loved sitting down with Judy and getting to know how her business began, and not just because it smells like chocolate and Judy gives out samples. It is always a joy learning how a woman who believes in herself and her vision can accomplish anything.

With so many delicious products to choose, we had to push Judy to admit her favorite: after a long day, Judy loves to sit down with a hot chocolate lava cake. Then again, who wouldn't?

Thanks again to the illustrious Judy Leibovit of Sweet Endings Desserts for taking the time to share her story and advice with us. We look forward to a continued delicious relationship!





"Feminism isn't about making women strong. Women are already strong. It's about changing the way the world perceives that strength." —G.D. Anderson

#### A Note From The Quattro Firm

As the New Year begins, we would like to once again thank you for your support of the Quattro Firm and wish you a healthy and prosperous 2016. As always, please consider us should you have any legal needs.

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