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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.



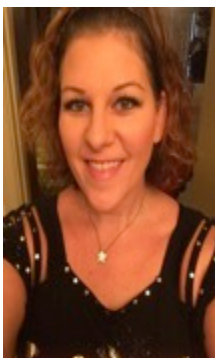
Melanie Bruchet is a 2012 graduate of Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, Georgia, where she received her J.D. and a Certificate in Advanced Legal Writing, Research, and Drafting from Mercer's top rated legal writing program. Melanie served on the Board of Directors for the Stonewall 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 is a National Board Trustee for Sigma Alpha Omega 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

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This month the Quattro Firm was honored to celebrate in the marriage of our paralegal and our accountant Maria and Sarah. Warmest wishes!

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+ 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 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

In honor of our one year anniversary, we thought we'd depart from our traditional interview this month and tell you a little bit about how our first year in business has gone.

It was almost eight years ago that I sat in front of my laptop with my fiancé hitting refresh to see if the Bar results were up yet. It had been a grueling summer with studying and taking the Texas Bar exam. In Texas, we take the exam in July but we don't get the results until November. Both my fiancé and I had taken the day off of work to sit and stare at my laptop. In retrospect, it doesn't seem like the best use of our time, but nevertheless, we sat there waiting for hours. Finally, the results were in and I was officially an attorney.

Shortly after that, I was sworn in to the Texas Bar in Austin, Texas with thousands of other attorneys. I spent almost five years practicing law in Texas and I loved it. I still can remember all of the anxiety that I felt on that Thursday morning waiting for those results.

I learned a lot those first five years as an attorney. Truthfully, I am still learning. I believe that as a lawyer, we are always learning. After almost five years, two children and my husband's strong desire to move back to Florida, I moved, kicking and screaming back to the sunshine state. I love Florida, but I had little to no desire to take the Bar Exam again and Florida doesn't believe in reciprocity.



The first time I took the Bar Exam in Texas in 2008, I was young, newly engaged, a new law school graduate and my job let me take the summer to study and take long walks with my fiancé. In 2014, when I took the Florida Bar Exam, I was older, married, a five year attorney in another state, and I had two children who had no intention of letting me deprive them of my attention while I studied. I spent a lot of nights studying between the hours of midnight and five a.m.

The one good thing that I can say about being licensed in Florida rather than Texas, is that they only make you wait until September for your July Bar results. This time, I wasn't in front of my laptop. I was driving home from dropping off my kids at school with my husband when I got a text message from a friend telling me that the result were up. I immediately started to panic because I couldn't remember my number. I stared at the list of numbers and scores and hoped that I would recognize mine, but I did not. I frantically searched through old emails to find it. Finally, I had the code and looked through the numbers to see that I had passed again.

Both of those days, I never would have imagined that I would be running my own firm as just a seven-year lawyer. I think I always expected to make partner at a firm one day, but the idea of starting my own firm always seemed scary. I never thought that I would know enough to start my own firm.

After working for another firm for a short period of time in Florida, it suddenly occurred to me that I didn't like having to turn away cases that I felt were good just because the client had limited funds. I wanted to help people and I wanted to be able to choose the clients and cases based on whether or not I believed in them, rather than whether or not the firm would decide to allow me to take the case.

Last July, we started this firm with one partner, a part-time paralegal, a legal consultant/clerk, three clients and a dream. It was our goal to change the state of the law and impact the rights of LGBT parents all over the country. Initially, I used to meet clients at Starbucks. I always felt like that influenced my ability to be hired. I felt that if I had an office to go to, I wouldn't be the crazy lawyer in Starbucks asking for your money.

By August of 2015, we had two more associates who were helping with the case that was occupying the majority of our time. It was our pro-bono LGBT case where a non-gestational mother sought rights to the son that she had raised with her same sex partner before the parties were legally able to marry. This case is still in our hearts and minds as we constantly review the status of the law for gay parents throughout the country. We still hope to reunite families just like that one.

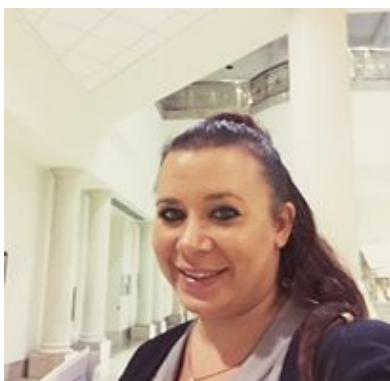
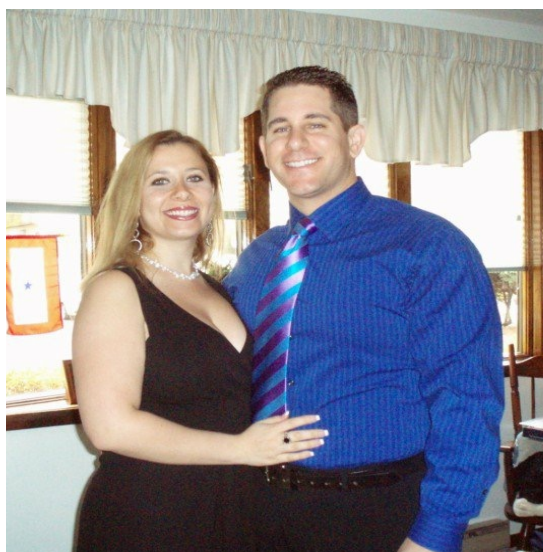
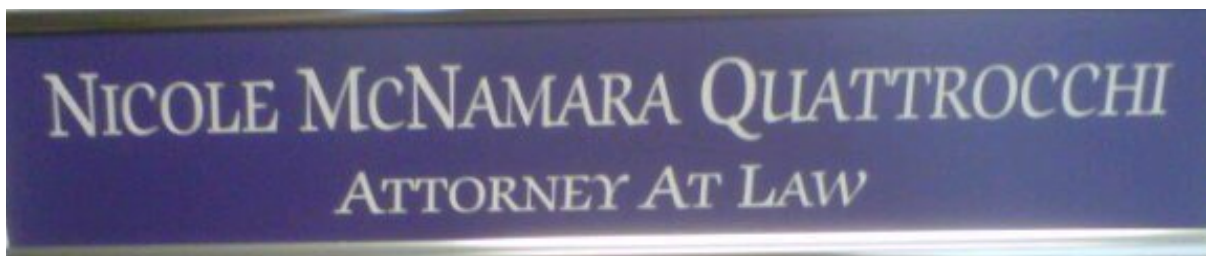
In October of 2015, we found our office location and set up the practice as you see it today. We celebrated with our Open House where so many of our supporters came out to share in our success. Our team grew to 6 as we added our accountant, and our caseload grew to four as we tackled our first estate planning case as a firm. In each of our cases, we learned something new.

As we reflect on the many faces that have come to us for help over our first year, we can't thank you enough for taking a chance on a small start-up firm. We've learned a lot this year and we have closed many cases with happy and satisfied clients. We have dealt with corporate start-ups, corporate buy-outs, landlord-tenant disputes, pre-foreclosure negotiations, wills and estate planning, family law, adoption, LGBT law, wage disputes, civil litigation, and much more. We have had periods of time where we are swamped, and other moments where we are waiting with baited breath for someone new to walk through the door and hire us.

It has been quite a year for us. When we started our newsletter, we thought it would be a great way to let people know what we were up to and to stay relevant in people's minds. What we learned is that there are a lot of really impressive and powerful women in Palm Beach County who are making a real difference. Each interview has showed us a new incite into these amazing women and given us something to strive towards. We look forward to the day when someone comes to us to ask what our words of wisdom might be to inspire other entrepreneurial women.



Quattro Firm Flashback



A Note From The Quattro Firm

It's the time of year where kids go back to school and people come back from summer vacations. It's a great time to plan for your future. Please think of us when your legal needs arise.

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