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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, Esq.** 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, Esq.** 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. Melanie has been with the Quattro Firm for three years.



**Monique L'Italien, Esq.** is a civil and commercial litigator and appellate attorney who has practiced in Florida since 2001. She has broad experience at the trial and appellate levels in federal and state court. Her practice areas include bankruptcy, contract disputes, family law, real property and some criminal. Prior to entering private practice, Ms. L'Italien was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida, handling criminal appeals and civil litigation matters.

Ms. L'Italien earned her B.A., cum laude, from Trinity College in Washington D.C and her J.D. from Vermont Law School. Ms. L'Italien enjoys traveling, running, spending time with her animals including her horse Dancer, an off track thoroughbred rescue, and doing other animal welfare work. Monique has been with the Quattro Firm for almost 2 years.



**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. Jennifer has been with the Quattro Firm for 2 years.

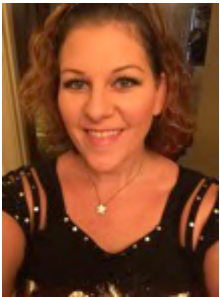
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**Maria Kontos** obtained her Bachelor of Arts from Florida Atlantic University in 1995. Ms. Kontos has over 16 years of experience working on complex and voluminous civil, criminal and family law cases which involve organizing thousands of documents, 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. Maria has been working with the Quattro Firm for 3 years.



**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. Sarah has been working with the Quattro Firm for 3 years.



**Shavonne M. Pierre** is a new member of the Quattro Firm. She is a graduate of South University where she studied and received her Bachelor Degree in Legal Studies. She has over 18 years experience in the legal field working for several prestigious firms in the Palm Beach County area. Her previous work experience has been in Insurance Defense, Civil Litigation, Securities & Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Worker's Compensation, Family Law and Personal Injury. Shavonne has 4 children that are her main focus as well as her budding legal career.



**Carol Goldberg** is the File Clerk and Paralegal Assistant at the Quattro Firm. She is a lifelong resident of Palm Beach County. She received her BA Degree in Social Work and her Paralegal Certification from Florida Atlantic University. She is an advocate for the elderly and disabled. She has worked extensively for Elder Law firms processing Nursing Home Medicaid and Estate Planning. She also worked for many years at DCF, processing Medicaid for the Disabled. She believes in the strength of family, and a good cup of coffee!

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## The Quattro Firm About Town



Left: Nicole Quattrocchi of the Quattro Firm and Jennifer Quattrocchi of the Nascar Foundation stand on stage at the Ludacris concert at Sunfest.

Below: the Quattro Firm happily supported Lisa's Dance and Exercise's June Recital.

### + Our Practice Areas

- Adoption
- Bankruptcy
- Business Formation
- Civil Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Contract Drafting & Review
- Corporate Matters
- Estate Planning
- Family Law & Domestic Relations
- Family Law Mediation
- General Litigation
- Immigration
- LGBT Issues & Custody
- Marital Contracts
- Probate Litigation
- Probate Administration
- Wills & Trusts



## The Quattro Firm About Town:



Left: Nicole and her husband supporting local businesses by dining downtown.

Below: Quattro Firm members and supporters celebrate Nicole's birthday by "Disney-bounding."



## Summer Promotion:

**We are so excited about our new adoption matching services that anyone seeking an adoption and mentioning our newsletter can receive \$500 off their attorney's fees for an adoption requiring matching from now until August 31, 2019.**

**As always, please follow us on social media. If you'd like to submit a review either on Facebook or through our website, please get in touch with us.**





## Why Do We Need Mandatory Disclosures?

By: Nicole McNamara Quattrocchi

People hate to give over mandatory disclosures. No one likes to have anyone peeking around in their finances. It's a question we always hear in any family law case, "why do we need mandatory disclosures?"

**MANDATORY  
DISCLOSURE**



You could be one of the lucky few where waiving the right to such disclosures makes sense. If your split with your spouse is recent and you were kept apprised of all finances prior to the split, then it may make sense to waive the disclosures. You and your spouse or your child's other parent may have so little together and separately that disclosures may not be required either. However, these are usually the exceptions to the rule. Most people going through a paternity case, divorce or other custody case need to disclose the information required by mandatory disclosures.



**"All our dreams can come true, if we have the  
courage to pursue them."**

**—Walt Disney**

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The reason is, that you may not be inclined to believe everything that the other person says. While people are required to sign and affirm before a notary that the information in their financial affidavit is accurate, people may not be perfectly accurate. Some people it's as simple as a typo or forgetting about taxes. Others, it may be that he/she doesn't want you to know about other sources of income unrelated to his/her pay stubs. That's when mandatory disclosures become quite important.

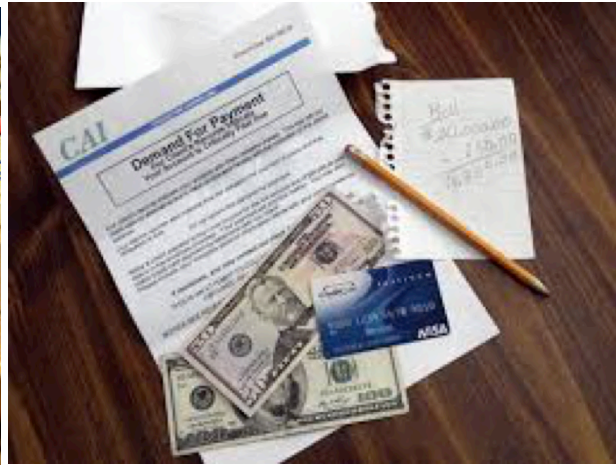


What are mandatory disclosure? It's a list provided by the court of information and documents that each side needs to disclose. It includes: a Financial Affidavit, tax returns for three years, W-2's, 1099's, three months pay stubs, loans, deeds, lease agreements, bank accounts, brokerage accounts statements, retirement account statements, life insurance policies, health insurance policies, credit cards and all other debts, such as car loans, student loans etc for twelve months statements and other information related to expenses and income.

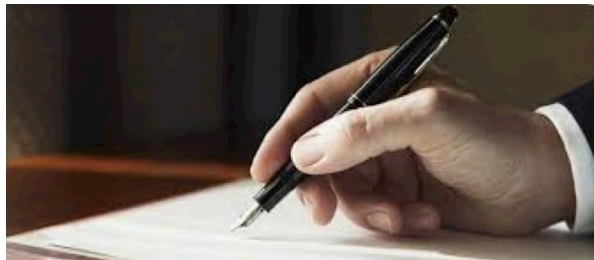
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Mandatory disclosures are overwhelming but necessary. Mandatory disclosures are required of both parties. This means that you will get the same information that you are required to disclose. They are not filed in the case with the court, but merely sent to the other party's attorney or directly to the pro se litigant if he/she is not represented by an attorney. The disclosures will be redacted to keep bank account numbers etc confidential.



While mandatory disclosures are no one's favorite part of the process, they are required by the court and can also assist your attorney with creating the best argument for your recovery of certain fees or assets as well as to allow the other side to sometimes see that he/she is asking for "blood from a stone." Mandatory disclosures help the family law process and if your attorney asks for them, be honest and provide everything you can. If you're worried about showing assets that your spouse or ex doesn't know about, let your attorney help to portray those in the correct light and circumstance.



The Quattro Firm is happy to assist you in your family law matter and to thoroughly explain any questions you have regarding mandatory disclosures.



## A Note From The Quattro Firm

Temperatures are climbing here in Florida, but we are still here for you, to support you throughout the summer with your legal needs.

Thank you.



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