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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 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.



Robert J. Fraxedas specializes in Estate and Tax Planning, as well as Estate Administration and Litigation. He is a 2015 University of Miami graduate (LL.M. – Estate Planning) and a 2005 University of Florida graduate (J.D.). Robert has been licensed in Florida since 2006, and currently lives in Boca Raton.

Robert regularly presents seminars on estate planning and probate matters throughout the state of Florida. A former president of Citrus Civitan, Robert believes in donating time and hands-on effort to the less fortunate. He has organized fundraising events for people with congenital disabilities, mentors underprivileged school-age children, and volunteers at homeless shelters. He strongly believes in providing all clients the best legal counsel possible, from highly compensated executives to impoverished individuals.



Jacqueline Lavoie Spence has been a practicing Florida Attorney for 5 years. She was born and raised in Queens, New York and moved to Florida in 2009.

She obtained her law degree from Nova Southeastern University and has a diverse background in many areas of law, but primarily focuses on Family law.



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.

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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.



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.



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.

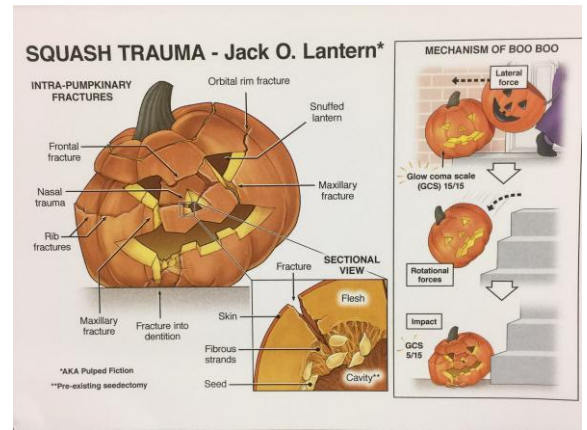


Kristin Fitzpatrick was born in New York, but raised in Florida. Her background is Early Childhood and as much as she loves her field, she also loves learning new things and being a well-rounded person. Her ultimate goal is to finish college where she is currently studying to be a speech-pathologist 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.

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Family Law & Domestic Relations
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General Litigation
LGBT Issues & Custody
Estate Planning
Wills & Trusts
Probate Litigation
Probate Administration

We hope that you enjoyed our Facebook campaign regarding our October promotion of “trick your lawyer.” Some of our favorites are depicted above.

Check Out Rob's New Blog

Visit our website to learn more about estate planning and changes in the law

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Nicole and Wells Fargo Private Banker, Brooke Motley, at a "Moms' Night Out."

November Promotion

November is a month where we are reminded to give thanks. In honor of Thanksgiving, we invite you to participate in our newest promotion "thank your lawyer."

Rules: Take a picture of what you think it looks like to "thank your lawyer" and post it to our Facebook site, you must use the hashtags #thankyourlawyer and #TheQuattroFirm. The picture can be as simple as a picture of flowers to give your lawyer, or you hugging a lawyer friend. Be creative

The contest starts November 1st and runs through November 30th. Applicants must "like" The Quattro Facebook Page and post the above-described picture.

Prize: The 3 top "liked" photos on our Facebook page by November 30th will win!

1st place: ½ price Estate Plan

2nd place: \$50 off bill



Rina Feld, Esq., Temi Zeitenberg, Esq. and Nicole meet for a coffee break at Starbucks.



Rina, Nicole and Temi co-authored an article to be featured in the FAWL Winter Journal about Gender Inequality and how this impacts women who have their own firms. Check out their article on the FAWL website this winter.

The Quattro Firm: Balancing a Family and a Business

By: Nicole McNamara Quattrocchi

Managing a family is no easy task. When one also owns a business, succeeding at both may seem impossible.

When the Quattro Firm opened its doors in June of 2015, it seemed like continuing to be what my husband and I affectionately refer to, as the “dominant parent” would be easy. I could make my own hours, manage the firm and the clients and still be present at every school holiday event, picture day as well as conduct all the “pick ups” and “drop offs.” This was the plan, but I was sadly mistaken to believe that I could continue to do it all on my own.

When the firm began, we consisted of an attorney, a J.D. aspiring to gain her license and a paralegal. While it expanded quickly to include a contract attorney and an accountant, I was still the one responsible for the “lion’s

share” of the work. Due to the nature of my husband’s job, I was also doing the “lion’s share” at home. As we began with only three clients, this was still working quite well for the first few months without any

ramifications to either the business or my family.

However, as life often does, things changed and they changed quickly. The firm began to become busier, certain member of the staff became restless, and my family received a rather devastating blow in the form of a



pre-4s class at the time and her newest addition who was almost 2. The enrollment was completely full within six months. The school remained full until the second building was open for business in 2004.



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I had a number of “balls in the air” and I knew that I couldn’t drop any.



People often underestimate the difficulty of being the primary caregiver to young children: it’s not all naps and puzzles. Being the primary caregiver means you are a lot of things: the chef, the housekeeper, the schedule-manager, the personal assistant who must provide snacks, juice boxes and toys on demand, the personal shopper for all clothing, uniforms, school supplies, groceries, etc., the entertainer, the bather, the teeth-brusher, the story-teller, the person in charge of picking them up and dropping them off and many other tasks and jobs with very few thanks or appreciation. Toddlers in particular are not known for their overflowing appreciation.



Managing a business means that you must review all work performed by others, including all the research, drafting, bills, and correspondence. It also means that the responsibility for all aspects rests on your shoulders and it’s your name that will be damaged if something is missed or a client is unhappy. As an attorney, one is also responsible for the legal work required of any particular case. Yet, as the founder and entrepreneur of the business, it requires that you have the ability to pay for all of the overhead expenses, employees, contractors, and all the other expenses that are required of a business. Above all of this is your duty to take care of your staff, your clients and

"Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else."

—Judy Garland

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and ensure each of their happiness.

It is often assumed that lawyers work too much, are uncaring, unsympathetic and only care about the bottom line. As someone who has built her practice on a foundation that we are compassionate lawyers who care about your entire situation, rather than just the legal problem that has brought you in today, falling in to the stereotype was not something that I was willing to do. I wanted the firm to be a success, but I refused to step on people and overcharge in order to do so.

In January of 2016, I realized a few things: I am not Wonder Woman, no matter how much I love to wear a tiara; I cannot do it all on my own; I'm not willing to let any aspect of my life suffer; and life will always throw a "curve ball" that you had never anticipated. Due to all of these, I had to make some changes that took several months to implement but that have been incredibly beneficial to the Quattro Firm, my family, and me.

I had to expand the staff and work out a new schedule with my children. I would still be the manager of the Quattro Firm and the primary caregiver, but I needed to assign some tasks to others in order to free up some of my own time to concentrate on the case work and keeping everyone happy. I also needed to arrange



a different "pick up" and "drop off" schedule wherein my children would still have me as the "dominant parent," but on certain days they get to spend some additional time with family.

It takes a village to raise a family. It takes a devoted team to have a successful business. For us at the Quattro Firm, we have a strong village and we support the choice of primary caregivers to work and balance a family life with children. For me personally, I can't thank my team enough for helping me with the balance in my life.



A Note From The Quattro Firm

With all the tricks and treats celebrating the month of October, make sure you and your family are well protected. Let us know if we can help.

Thank you.



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