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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](http://www.thequattrofirm.com) at [www.thequattrofirm.com](http://www.thequattrofirm.com)

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Lauren, Nicole and kids enjoyed meeting Duck Dynasty Star Willie Robertson



The Quattro Ladies burning the midnight oil

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- 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



Celebrating International Women's Day with The Quattro Firm and the ladies of Gary Roberts and Associates. The Quattro firm zealously advocates for diversity and equality.

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Lauren and local businesswoman, Dorothee Leiser, catch up over lunch



Volunteering with Charitable works of St. Edwards and Nurse Evelyn of the Faith Based Nurses



Nicole and kids enjoy the local book fair

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Volunteering with Charitable works committee of St Edwards and Father Philip of St Mary's Hospital

## 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 fifth installment of our monthly celebration of female empowerment, the Quattro Firm welcomed the opportunity to sit down with renowned artist Alice Ludwig. Alice regaled us with



stories of her achievements, projects and how she's making the world just a little bit prettier.

Alice went into business for herself because she just didn't like working for someone else. She always felt under-valued and so she thought it was time to do



her own thing. This way, she could feel free to do things her own way without restrictions. Anyone who has met Alice could definitely attest that she has her own way of doing things and to restrict her is to bind her

creativity. She's a butterfly who needs the room to stretch her wings.

As far as Alice's competitors, Alice sets herself apart by showing up and trying to leave her ego at home. She understands that the client's wants come first and she's not going to stifle anyone else's creativity. Alice joked that she also plays well with others. In a creative field, getting along with people is a must.

Alice began her career in the sign business and was often up a ladder painting signs. At the time it was novel for a woman to be in this business because people didn't imagine a woman climbing up ladders and scaffolding. Its is perceived as not being a womanly thing to do, but this is exactly what Alice celebrates and enjoys about her career. She likes to go against the assumption and enjoys all the physical work that comes with the creative.

Occasionally and most especially in foreign countries, Alice has faced some adversity with being a woman in what has traditionally been a male dominated field. The cultural implications in some countries can be problematic because the men refuse to deal with a woman. Regardless, Alice thrives and does not feel that she will ever need a man to speak for her.

The best part about Alice's profession for her is playing with paint and making a mess. She loves drawing, the mental aspect of planning out a project and designing. It satisfies her need to constantly be juggling many tasks and since she will be painting on one project and designing on mirror for the next, she's never bored.

Alice's favorite projects are anything involving painting, but she also loves the planning production projects. Alice is always up for a challenge and enjoys new types of projects in different venues with different materials. She boasts that by the time she's finished the project, she will have finally figured it out.

Of all of the amazing projects that she has done, from work in famous homes like Gianni Versace and Sting to designing pieces for restaurants and bars, Alice listed two as her ultimate favorites: Sloan's and Blue Provence. Sloan's has given Alice the ability to work globally in all of their franchises and to produce whimsical designs. Blue Provence was the first customer to give Alice the instructions

"do what you want" and actually mean it.

We asked Alice what her favorite part of being a woman in her field was and her response was wearing fancy socks. While Alice is usually not the kind of woman to arrive dressed up and in heels, since she'd end up covering it



all in paint, she loves to express herself through her choice of socks. She also told us that she enjoys painting her ladders and other materials hot pink so that they are not stolen. Apparently on job sites, ladders and other supplies appear to "walk off," but people are less likely to steal a hot pink hammer.

As far as advice for other entrepreneurial women, Alice had many words of wisdom. First she advises that you should do something and like it or don't do it at all. She also believes that you should always address people by their first name to even the playing field. She advises all other women to go for it and never let gender be a factor. However, she did say that it's still okay to let guys carry the heavy things for you.

We loved sitting down with Alice and getting an insight in to her creative success. She both inspired us and made us laugh with her stories of how she began her career and how she's sustained it.

Thanks again to the wonderful Alice Ludwig, artist and designer for sharing her story and her advice with us. We here at the Quattro Firm certainly plan to heed such advice.



**"Whatever you do, be different—that was the advice my mother gave me, and I can't think of better advice for an entrepreneur. If you're different, you will stand out." – Anita Roddick**

## A Note From The Quattro Firm

Thank you for your continued support of the Quattro Firm. In a month where we celebrate the luck of the Irish, we hope that you will allow us to help in any of your business and personal endeavors so that we may all celebrate good fortune.

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