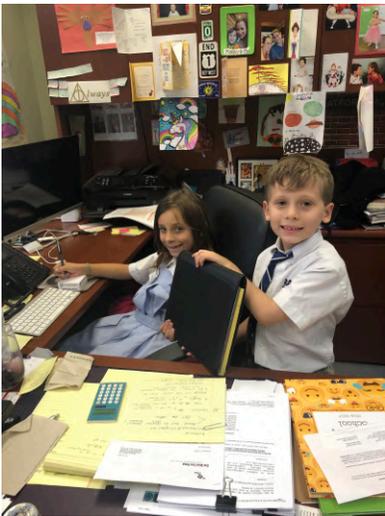




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## Welcome to The Quattro Firm

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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Nicole and her husband, Steve, enjoy some quality time with Maria while she was visiting Florida.



### + 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: The Quattro Firm was happy to help at Rosarian Academy's Annual Family Fun Day. Nicole McNamara Quattrocchi was happy to chair the event.

Below: Nicole happily volunteered to act as a judge in the state Mock Trial Competition.



## Spring Break Promotion:

To celebrate spring, we are offering those who post pictures of their spring break vacations on our social media a \$100 discount on flat rate fees or monthly invoices.

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 You Should Hire a Lawyer for Your Small Business

By: Carol Goldberg

Most small business owners only hire an attorney experienced in business matters when confronted with a serious legal problem. However, legal help is a cost of doing business that can save you money and help your business in the long run. An attorney can help in many business situations, from the incorporation process to drawing up contracts and representing you in litigation.



### Do I need a Lawyer to Draft a Business Contract?

Many business owners wonder about legal contracts and all of the terms they should include. Whether it's an operating agreement, a lease, buying products, entering into a service contract or using sub-contractors, there is one question usually asked, "Do I need a Lawyer to draft the contract?" The answer is usually YES. You should talk to an attorney as soon as possible.

In any business transaction, the most important thing is the contract. You need good legal advice for your business contracts when working with a freelancer, maintenance and clean-up services, purchasing or selling products, entering into service contracts, working with a sub-contractor or starting your own small business. In these cases, a contract is vital to make sure everything works smoothly. By having a lawyer draft the agreement, they will make sure your interests are protected. You will avoid loopholes and your business will be protected by the Law.

**"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm Possible!'"**

**—Audrey Hepburn**

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When you have a business contract reviewed by an attorney, you protect your intellectual property and specify terms clearly so there is no discussion when receiving a product or service. Having a contract with a clear list of criteria for evaluating the quality of the end product, will make sure you receive exactly what you want out of the transaction.



If the transaction is simple, you might feel you can draft the business contract without the help of a lawyer. This is where most 'loophole' problems occur. Not using the right terms may give the other side the option not to comply with your requirements and still fulfill their contractual obligations. Working with an attorney will ensure these situations will not occur before even starting the transaction.

There are several areas that an attorney's expertise will help. The most important of these is in drafting your business contracts. He/she will make sure that the contract or written document is up to date with new terms and regulations of the Law. He/she will know the legislative changes which may have occurred and make sure your own transactions are current. Being up to date will save both parties from tackling legal problems later on.

### **What do I do if my Business gets Sued?**

There are times when a business faces other issues that are too complex, too time consuming or fraught with liability issues. The best move is to retain a lawyer.

For example, customers filing complaints, employees suing for discrimination, local, state or government entities filing complaints or investigations into your business for violation of any laws or environmental issues.

By the time your business is sued, the preventable damage has been done and the only question remaining is how much you'll be paying in attorney's fees, court fees and damages. To prevent unnecessary attorney costs at the inception of your business, as well as tremendous costs after a lawsuit has been filed, you should consider a consultation arrangement with an attorney who can provide legal review and guidance.

## Why You Should Hire a Lawyer for Your Small Business

By: Carol Goldberg

### When should I hire an Attorney for my Small Business?



An attorney can advise you of the best legal structure for your business. He/she can review the advantages and disadvantages of registering your business as a corporation, limited liability corporation (LLC) or business partnership. An attorney can draft contracts. Legal documents often include many pages of 'legalese' that can confuse even the most well-read person. An attorney can carefully review your documents and make sure there are no surprises before you sign it. An attorney can help when your business is confronted by a lawsuit from a customer, employee, government or environmental entity for violations of the law.

Owning your own small business can be an exciting and intimidating endeavor. The thrill of big risk vs. big rewards attracts many entrepreneurs. Legal counsel may not be a component of your budding business, but many corporations have started to retain in-house legal counsel. Established small business owners also need legal counsel. This is not a service you should skimp on. Costs from litigations or payments for violations/sanctions can close a business down. Start thinking of retaining an attorney as legal insurance. The legal fees you will pay now could save you thousands of dollars in future litigation. Attorneys are a one-stop-shop for creating a stronger organization for your small business. You will feel better knowing that by hiring an attorney, you are taking some of the risk out of having your own small business. Hiring a Lawyer now can mean avoiding a lawsuit later on.

### Some of the areas that The Quattro Firm's Attorneys can assist you are:

- Determining the legal structure of your business
- Creating an LLC, Corporation or a business partnership
- Creating Operating Agreements, Contracts and Non Disclosure Agreements
- Creating Buy-Sell agreements
- Litigation and Court Proceedings

We can also review any Operating Agreement, Partnership, LLC or Shareholder Agreement under which you are currently using to make sure your business is protected. If you are a small business owner or are interested in starting your own small business, call **The Quattro Firm at 561-517-8634** to set up an appointment. We can discuss your business needs and determine the best solution for you.

## A Note From The Quattro Firm

As the temperature in Florida begins to rise, we hope that you are all well and supported and know that we are here to help with any of your legal needs.

Thank you.



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