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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.



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.



Monique L'Italien 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.

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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.



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 was previously 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.



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.



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 which are her main focus as well as her budding legal career.

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The Quattro Firm: Meet Shavonne Pierre, Paralegal and Newest Team Member

I am the newest member of the Quattro Firm Team and I'm very excited to be here. My name is Shavonne and I was born in Flushing Queens New York, lived and raised in the boogie down Bronx until I was 14 years old. My mother is African American and my father is Jamaican. I moved to Florida when I was 15 years old and attended Wellington High School.

I have always had a love for the law. Some of my favorite shows were Law and Order, Ally McBeal and the Practice. My current favorite shows are How to Get Away With Murder, In Contempt, Law and Order, all of the spin off's and anything law/courtroom related.

I have been a Paralegal for 19 years but getting to where I am has been a journey. In order to get my foot in the door I have been a law firm receptionist, file clerk, legal secretary, and office administrator. Although I love being behind the scenes in a law office, I decided to go back to school 3 years ago and as recently as June of this year graduated with my Bachelor's degree in Legal Studies.

I am a mother of four (4) children, I have two (2) boys and two (2) girls and their ages are 20, 19, 17 & 15. I like reading books, going to the movies and just having some quiet time. My aspiration is to take the LSAT, attend law school to one day become an attorney and be center stage myself in a courtroom.

+ Our Practice Areas

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



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Left: The Quattro Firm and the Quattrocchi children never miss an opportunity at Pioneer Linens.

Below: Quattro Firm Accountant, Sarah Kontos poses for a fitness ad for Title boxing!

Back to School Promotion:

In honor of back to school, we are offering 15% off our flat-rate fees to teachers and all those working in the area of schooling and childcare from now until September 30, 2018. We appreciate your business and look forward to working with you soon.

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.



Right: The Quattro Firm and the Quattrocchi children never miss an opportunity at Pioneer Linens.

Left, below: Maria and Sarah Kontos enjoy an a sunny afternoon.

Right, below: The Quattrocchi family enjoys lunch at the Quattro Firm's favorite lunch time spot, the Grilled Cheese Gallery.



Protecting Your Rental Property by Evicting a Tenant

By: Carol Goldberg

Unfortunately, property owners may find themselves in the situation where they need to evict their tenant. An eviction is when a Landlord looks to terminate an agreement due to non payment of rent or non compliance with the terms of a lease. The collection for damages involves additional requirements which may be raised in the original eviction, or can proceed separately in another lawsuit.

When a Landlord needs to enforce their rights under a Rental Lease, an experienced attorney is a prudent choice. The law in this area can be both intimidating and confusing and one small error can render one unable to enforce one's rights.



Both the Landlord's individual lease and the Florida Statutes control Landlord/Tenant cases. There are strict Florida laws that Landlords must comply with to avoid legal liabilities and penalties when dealing with a tenant. For example, Florida law states that a Landlord cannot simply change the locks, turn off utilities or remove a tenant's personal property to get him/her to vacate the rental property.

"Words have power. TV has power. My pen has power.

—Shonda Rhimes

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For an eviction, there are Landlord/Tenant rules that set forth how an eviction takes place, where it can be filed and when it can occur. The Landlord has rights and responsibilities. The Tenant also has rights and responsibilities. Here is an example of a few of the rights and responsibilities of the Landlord as a property owner:

Rights:

- Receive Rent
- Re-entry to Property
- Return of the Premises (without

damage other than normal wear and tear)

Responsibilities:

- Maintenance of Property
- Code Compliance
- Extermination
- Clean and Safe Common Areas
- Functional Water and Heat



Here is an example of a few of the rights and responsibilities of the Tenant as a property as a renter:

Rights:

- Fair Treatment
- Peaceful Use and Enjoyment of Property
- Habitable Residence

Responsibilities:

- Maintain property
- No Unreasonable Disturbance of Neighbors
- Pay Rent When Due



A Note From The Quattro Firm

As the heat subsides, children go back to school and life begins to pick up pace again, please let us know if we can assist you with any of your legal issues. We appreciate your business and your support.

Thank you.



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