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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.



**Denise Desmond** is a seasoned family law and appellate attorney, as well as a certified family mediator. She received her juris doctorate from the University of Florida's Levin College of Law in 1990 and has practiced predominately family law for the majority of her career. Denise is a member of the Florida Bar and an inactive member of the California Bar. She has been an AV rated attorney with Martindale-Hubble for over 15 years. She was named one of America's Most Outstanding Lawyers in 2004, and named as a top legal leader in the family law section of the Wall Street Journal's Legal Leaders South Florida Publication in 2012 and 2015. In addition, she appeared on Court TV as co-counsel in a high profile watercraft personal injury litigation case. In law school she received the Book Award in Legal Drafting (highest grade in the class) and was named to Who's Who among American Law Students.

Denise has herself been divorced and understands both the legal and emotional difficulties involved in the process. Her goal is to provide her clients with quality legal representation and emotional support so that their experience with the litigation/mediation process is not so overwhelming.



**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.



**Barbara J. Wolfe** is of counsel at the Quattro Firm. With over 30 years as an experienced attorney, Barbara is an asset to any client and any case. Barbara is also a certified mediation in family law.

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Nicole's daughter, Sabrina, Angie McNamara and Jo Campbell supported local businesses at City Place.

Nicole's son, Stevie Quattrocchi celebrates his love for Dr. Seuss on Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2.



The Quattro Firm was proud and happy to sponsor the Rosarian Academy Fireflies and Bowties Silent Auction. Nicole also celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Field Day at Rosarian with her daughter, Sabrina.

### + Our Practice Areas

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



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The Quattro Firm was able to bring the children to an event in Miami, Florida wherein local and federal law enforcement took the time to teach children about law enforcement, including canine and equestrian officers. The kids were able to explore helicopters, boats, and other tactical vehicles.



## April Promotion:

**We are continuing to celebrate community helpers such as doctors, lawyers, fire-fighters, policemen and women, nurses and any other member of law enforcement. We are offering 15% off all legal work done for anyone who is a community helper.**



Maria Kontos enjoys some "snuggle time" with the Quattro Firm's newest regular visitor, Dolce.

## The Quattro Firm Believes in Female Empowerment: Interview with Erica Dunhill of Erica Dunhill Photography

By Nicole McNamara Quattrocchi

As local photographer, Erica Dunhill reflects over a working lunch about how she got her start as a photographer and businesswoman, she laughed and called it a “daydream.” Erica loved photography and she wanted to work her own hours, so she dreamt of combining the two. If you look on Erica’s website or speak to her happy customers, her success at this “daydream” is certainly evident.

When we asked how it all happened, Erica admitted that she could not have made her daydream a reality without her supportive family. They were there to help her to make this daydream into the successful business that it has become. As someone who grew up in this area and therefore someone who knows where the best lighting can be captured and just how to achieve the right angle or the perfect beach to capture that dusk time newborn shot, Erica sets herself apart from the competition. Erica additionally credits her reasonable pricing and her pricing format for her success over competitors.



As a photographer at events, Erica enjoys that she can be both behind the scenes and that she is still a very important factor. Other vendors will rely on the photographer, making her an integral part of the event. After all, she is responsible for capturing the memories of the event and her work will be enjoyed by her clients for decades to come. During her editing process, Erica celebrates that feeling of pure love for an image and the joy that it will bring her clients. She loves that she is literally capturing time.



**" Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better. It's not."**

**—Dr. Seuss**

## The Quattro Firm Believes in Female Empowerment: Interview with Erica Dunhill of Erica Dunhill Photography

Erica has faced some adversity but she believes that nothing is insurmountable. While Erica did admit that having some more “business experience” may have been helpful, she’s a quick learner and got a lot of hands on business experience.

Being a woman in business has been a joy for Erica. As a photographer for new families, Erica feels that there is a special closeness between other mothers, especially for new mothers. As a mother of two young boys, Erica can relate to these new mothers and can understand what a new mother may be feeling and wanting to capture at her newborn’s first photo shoot. Even with the “veteran” moms or mothers of toddlers, Erica feels that the special connection of knowing what the other mother is going through, which helps to create special and creative photographs. The result is a happy client.



Erica’s favorite events to photograph are the events with families who love each other. Capturing that love and closeness is a special treat for a photographer. Erica additionally loves any opportunity to capture love unfolding, especially when parents are holding their new child. Erica says that these are the moments that truly touch her heart.



As far as Erica’s feedback, she says that anytime she hears that a client is satisfied and happy is her favorite reaction. Anytime that a client is pleased is the best reaction that she can hope to receive. As a photographer, Erica hopes that each client is happy with her work and celebrates that her work is on websites, hanging in homes and offices, and placed in albums for years to come.

For advice for other women, Erica simply states that an understanding of business basics is of the utmost importance. Erica did not have much of a business background, but this did not give her pause nor did it cause her to give up on this dream. Nothing is insurmountable if you care enough to go for it.

## A Note From The Quattro Firm

As spring weather brings beautiful scenery and outdoor fun, please remember that we are here for all of your legal needs.

Thank you.



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