

Quarles Quick Facts



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As one of the largest firms in the country, Quarles & Brady has offices in Naples, Florida; Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; and Chicago, Illinois. We want to give you some "Quick Facts" about the Naples office.

The Naples Office

18 Attorneys

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Labor & Employment
- Real Estate/Land Use
- Taxation
- Trusts & Estates

The Naples office personnel, both lawyers and staff, are regarded as our greatest assets and they are continually empowered, enriched and challenged in a democratic work environment where education and change are valued and embraced. In addition, we have a culture that encourages open communication and respect among colleagues which fosters a great deal of pride within our organization.

Representative Clients

Ranked as one of the largest firms in Southwest Florida, Quarles & Brady's Naples office serves a diverse client base comprising some of the region's largest public and private businesses, organizations and institutions, including some of the region's most significant real estate developers, builders and construction industry firms, health care providers, financial service companies, educational institutions, retailers, manufacturers, and businesses in the hospitality industry. In addition, with the largest Trusts & Estates practice in the Naples area, our lawyers work on some of the most sophisticated and interesting planning, administration, and litigation issues in the field. Attorneys in the Trusts & Estates group also handle adoption and guardianship matters for a wide variety of individuals and families.

The Summer Associate Program

Q&B's Summer Associate program has been ranked #27 nationally by "The American Lawyer Annual Summer Associate Survey." The Naples office has been an established part of the Southwest Florida legal community for a quarter century. The Summer Program has been a mainstay of our Naples hiring throughout that time. Although Naples firms are not separately

ranked in the American Lawyer survey, our summer associates report having the same positive experiences as the Q&B Summer Program participants in our other offices.

Our Summer Program provides first-hand knowledge of the firm's culture, clients, and practice areas, giving you a healthy variety of real work assignments for real clients. And you will have a chance to "try on" as many practice areas as you want during your summer with us. If you're already interested in a specific practice area, we will do everything we can to make sure you work with firm lawyers on projects in that area. Summer associates are assigned both a "Mentor" and a "Reader," a lawyer who will review your assignments and meet with you several times during the summer to give you feedback and guidelines for improvement. In addition to formal evaluations at the mid-point and end of the summer, you will receive regular, informal feedback from the attorneys assigning your projects.

Commitment to Pro Bono and Community Service

Quarles & Brady has always believed in giving back to its communities, and a significant commitment to pro bono legal services has long been ingrained in the firm's culture. All lawyers are strongly encouraged to tend to the legal needs of the poor and they do that in any number of areas, across many areas of legal practice. It is important to us to do our part in closing the justice gap. We are a signatory to the Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge, which is administered by the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Project, of which we are a member, promising to bill pro bono hours in an amount equal to 3% of our billable hours. This year, for example, Milwaukee partner Mike Goring was elected Lawyer of the Year by the Milwaukee Bar Association for his pro bono service. Milwaukee partner Katie Perhach was elected Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year by the State Bar of Wisconsin. In Naples, we contribute pro bono legal services to a host of local non-profit organizations and handle matters for individuals through such groups as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. We also are active in supporting our community, through such activities as "adopting" school classes, participating in group

Habitat for Humanity projects, and staffing shelters for the homeless and abused. Attorneys are encouraged to propose additional pro bono representations for organizations that are important to them.

Diversity

At Q&B, our commitment to diversity of thought and people is driven by our management. For starters, the Q&B Strategic Plan has a specific diversity goal:

To foster an environment of inclusion, understanding, respect and opportunity for employees of different genders, races, ages, cultures, religions, disabilities, sexual orientation and lifestyles by developing and implementing a long-term diversity program.

We've backed that up with concrete actions, including establishing a firmwide Diversity Committee and a Director of Diversity and Employee Relations, a firmwide assessment, an annual Minority Retreat, an annual Women's Retreat, and a Minority Liaison program. And we've been recognized for our efforts....

- The Naples office has been recognized with the "Best Places to Work" award in the "Over 175 employees" category, by the Economic Development Council in Collier County (EDC).
- In the 2010 Edition of the Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms, Quarles & Brady was ranked #5 – Best Firms for Diversity and #2 Best in Diversity with Respect to Women.
- Generous paid maternity/paternity policy with extended leave and phase in leave of up to six months.
- Award winning Women in Leadership Program.
- Participation in city minority bar associations.

The Naples office is particularly proud of the fact that we have been recognized as a Family Friendly Workplace by the Naples Alliance for Children in each of the nine years the award has been given. We consistently are the only law firm to receive the award.

Professional Development Opportunities

The 2009 Edition of the "American Lawyer Mid-level Associate Survey" ranked Quarles & Brady #13 out of 146 firms. We are #1 in both Milwaukee and Phoenix.

Q&B is committed to training its associates as they progress to partnership.

Quarles & Brady University (a.k.a. "QBU"), offers a graduated series of training programs throughout the associate years for entry-level, fourth-year, and sixth-year associates. As an entry-level associate, QBU1 will provide a platform to learn

about Q&B values, client expectations, ethics and conflicts of interest, and our evaluation process along with a writing seminar.

Fourth-year associates at QBU4 will learn about building client relationships, improving client service and communication, marketing yourself and your practice, supervision skills and preparing yourself for partnership.

QBU6 continues to build on your progress to partnership, financial aspects of partnership, building client relationships and leadership development.

Mentoring and Training

We are extremely proud of our mentoring program, which was ranked #1 by the 2010 Edition of the Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms. One of the most significant factors contributing to an attorney's professional growth is the presence of an effective mentor. Quarles & Brady's mentoring program involves individual mentoring for new associates, training for program mentors, and coordination with other Firm mentoring efforts, including those under the auspices of the Firm's Client Development Committee and of the Director of Diversity and Community Outreach. An associate will be assigned a mentor during the first two years with the Firm, but often the relationship continues throughout their entire careers.

Naples Activities and Culture

Naples is widely regarded as the center of arts and culture in Southwest Florida, with venues including the Naples Museum of Art, von Liebing Art Center, Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Sugden Theater, and many national and international art galleries. Nature-wise, top local choices include Everglades National Park, Audubon's Corkscrew Sanctuary (perennially voted the #1 nature attraction in Florida), Naples Zoo, Naples Botanical Garden, JN Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Brigg's Nature Center and Rookery Bay. Area sports options include MLB spring training and a variety of year-round professional sports such as football and arena football, hockey, basketball, and volleyball. In addition to local amusement and water parks, Florida's internationally acclaimed attractions in Orlando, Tampa, and Miami are within easy driving distance.

Websites That Showcase Naples

- Explore Naples: www.explorenaples.com
- Naples Florida: www.naples-florida.com

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