

Merideth Nagel, P.A.

Merideth Nagel, P.A. is a full-service law firm, with an emphasis in Real Estate Law, Residential and Commercial Closings, Business Law, Land Use Planning & Development and Estate Planning. Ms. Nagel began her career as a law clerk for Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara J. Pariente. After working at the court, Ms. Nagel joined the Tallahassee office of Holland & Knight LLP and then transferred to Holland & Knight's Chicago office. In 2005, Ms. Nagel's husband Leon Bloder, who was finishing seminary in Chicago, received an offer to move back home to Clermont and work as the Associate Pastor for Youth and Families at the South Lake Presbyterian Church. They both wanted to be back home and close to family, so he accepted. Ms. Nagel decided to take that opportunity to branch out on her own.



Ms. Nagel's two inspirations are her mother, Micki Blackburn, and mentor Justice Pariente. Both of these women instilled in her a commitment to work hard and maintain the highest level of integrity. Both women, but her mother especially, also impressed on her the importance of client service, loyalty and commitment. Ms. Nagel is a fourth generation Clermontian and is committed to helping women in the community succeed in business.

During law school, Ms. Nagel was Associate Editor of the Nova Law Review, a Goodwin Fellow, a member of an award-winning trial advocacy team and selected to serve as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia. Ms. Nagel also served as a legal intern in the chambers of Judge Barry Seltzer, Southern District of Florida. Ms. Nagel is proud to be the Vice-Chair of the South Lake Chamber of Commerce, a member of Leadership Lake County, Class of 2007, and a Board Member for the Community Foundation of South Lake County. Ms. Nagel is also a member of the Florida Bar and the Illinois Bar. She is authorized to practice in the state and federal courts of Florida and Illinois, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the United State Supreme Court.

Ms. Nagel was born in Clearwater, Florida, but grew up in Clermont. She graduated from Florida State University with a BA in Psychology, and from Nova Southeastern University with a Juris Doctor in law in 1996. Ms. Nagel's first job was as a "rodman" for Ben Blackburn Surveying. Her outside interests are church activities with her family, golf, water sports and reading. She would advise young women today to refuse to "settle". "They can have a fulfilling career and family life. All it takes is compromise, ingenuity, organization, and lots of hard work, but it is REALLY worth it."

