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In her former life, Sarah was a practicing attorney, with a J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University. She also holds a B.S. degree in Political Science and Public Administration from Murray (Kentucky) State University and a Culinary Certificate from Scottsdale (Arizona) Community College. She has been repeatedly included in *Marquis' Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who of American Women*. Sarah is originally from Murray, Kentucky, and has also lived in Phoenix and Nashville. In addition to good food, Chef Sarah is passionate about travel and animals. She is Mom to three Rhodesian Ridgebacks, two Weimaraners and four cats of questionable pedigree.

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