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**Family:** Parents, Jim and Mary Bishop; children, Sarah Elizabeth Bishop, 22, and Jimmy Bishop III, 20

**Years in the Golden Isles:** I was born and have lived on St. Simons Island my entire life. With the exception of the time that I spent in Athens at the University of Georgia and in Macon while attending law school, I have had the pleasure of calling the Golden Isles my home.

**School:** Frederica Academy, 1989, University of Georgia, 1993, and Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, 1996

**Occupation:** Attorney, The Bishop Law Firm, St. Simons Island

**Perfect Saturday in the Golden Isles:** Saturdays are meant for resting and recharging and the Golden Isles has plenty to offer for both, whether it's a bike ride to breakfast or a lazy day at the beach. There is always so much to enjoy. You can usually find me at the gym and then spending time with friends and family for the remainder of the day, whether dining out or cooking in or going to the beach or concerts on the lawn of the Casino. I am happiest spending those days with those closest to me.

**What advice would you give to young adults interested in pursuing law?** I am a strong proponent of post-secondary education whether graduate studies or law school for those looking to join the work force or to start a business. I think law school provides a great education to people even if they do not choose to practice law. Many of the successful business leaders in our community have law degrees which benefit them greatly in their business decisions but they have never practiced law.

**How did you become interested in real estate law?** While there are many different areas of law, real estate just fits better with my personality. Like many lawyers, I enjoy helping people but I prefer to assist clients on the celebratory side – buying one's first home, buying a vacation property or investment property. I also enjoy interacting with and getting to know people. We have a tremendous number of great people in the real estate industry in our area. I enjoy working with Realtors, other attorneys, lenders and with clients to make transactions as pleasant an experience as possible for all parties.

**What qualities do you think a good lawyer should have?** I don't need to look very far to answer this one. A good lawyer needs to be honest, have the highest integrity and loyalty, with a strong work ethic. I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to work with my Dad, who is the epitome of not only a good lawyer, but a great one! He has been an incredible mentor and teacher to me and I strive every day to be professionally more and more like him.

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