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**JAMES (JAY) L.
ROBERTS IV**

Age: 32

Hometown: Blackshear

Family: wife, Laura Elizabeth Roberts; sons, Jack and T.G.

Occupation: Attorney/Partner with Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin P.C.

Civic Activities: Admissions Coordinator for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, Brunswick Division; Southeast Georgia Health System Ethics Committee Member; Glynn County Superior Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee Member; Coastal Georgia Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Committee Member; former Southern District Representative for Brunswick of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia.

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? A professional basketball player. When I realized that was unrealistic, lawyer.

What inspires you? Nature, my boys, my wife's patience.

What is your favorite quote? "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear; nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life" Henry David Thoreau from "Walden"

What do you dream about? Winning the unwinnable case. Spending time at my family's farm. Traveling.

What would your fight song be? "Road Goes on Forever" by Robert Earl Keen

If you could live in any book, which would you choose? The first half of "Something of Value" by Robert Ruark

What do you regret? Harsh words spoken to loved ones.

What personality do you most admire? Patience

What would you like for the world to know about you? Prior to joining Gilbert Harrell, I served as a law clerk for the Honorable Anthony A. Alaimo.



**BROOKE
VALLASTER**

Age: 36

Hometown: Darien

Family: Single

Education: BS in Biology, Mary Washington College (now UMW)

Occupation: Education Coordinator, Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve and Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Civic activities: The Chapel; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; World Vision; Golden Isles Track Club; SRVA Volleyball; McIntosh County Family Connections Collaborative; St. Andrew's Parrish D.A.R.; Friends of Sapelo; Georgia Coastal Education Group; Georgia Association of Marine Education; National Association of Marine Educators

If you could retire and start a second career, what would you do? Photographer

What inspires you? People who work hard to achieve their goals. People who sacrifice for others.

What is your favorite quote? "What you accomplish in life is not as important as who you live your life for." — My Grandfather

What do you put off? Cleaning the house.

What would your fight song be? No favorite college fight songs, but "Momentum" and "Catchafire" by TobyMac are Ipod standards.

If you could live in any book, which would you choose? "Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson

What makes you happy? Good food, time with family and friends, living on the coast, regular visits to Colorado.

What do you regret? I wish Colorado were a little closer to salt water.

What personality trait do you least admire? Wastefulness

What would you like for the world to know about you? I map out my road trips to include stops at Chick-Fil-A restaurants along the way. Every good trip is made better with sweet tea and a chicken sandwich.