

When Stallings and Bischoff opened a branch of their law office in Suffolk, attorney Justin T. Bush and a secretary were the only ones assigned to work there.

Bush, 32, set a goal to “keep the firm growing,” and he succeeded. “There are now three full-time attorneys in the Suffolk office,” he says.

Bush, a partner in the firm, handles criminal justice and family law, which includes divorce cases and child custody and support issues.

A typical workday for him is long and extremely busy.

During the drive from his home in Virginia Beach to his office, he begins answering phone calls and e-mails from the night before. More phone calls and mail await him when he arrives for work at 8:30 a.m.

After spending time in court until after 11 a.m., he returns to the office for appointments and works until 7 p.m.

“Some work later than that. I’m not the last to leave. Then I answer phone calls on the way home. People’s problems that you solve will follow you, so we make ourselves available.”

He also works Saturdays and, along with the firm, helps support the Boys and Girls Club, special events of the Godwin Court House personnel and after-school programs. “I’m also involved in saving Obici House.”

Born in Albany, N.Y., Bush was the oldest of four siblings. When he was 10, his family moved to Chesapeake. He graduated from Greenbrier Christian Academy and Virginia Tech. In 2005, Bush earned his law degree at Regent University and began practicing. Since then, his career goal hasn’t changed.

“I want to keep the firm growing. I want it to be the best firm in Suffolk.”



SHIRLEY BRINKLEY

Justin T. Bush

He made law partner faster than anyone ever had at Stallings and Bischoff, and he has no intention of slowing down

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What has been one of the most rewarding experiences of your life? Graduating from law school

What has been the most challenging? Practicing law

If a snapshot was taken of you enjoying a perfect day, what would it look like? My wife and I on South Beach in Miami

Who would play you in a movie based on your life? Matt Damon

Childhood ambition to have fun in life

Pets: None

Favorite movie “The Godfather”

The books on your nightstand The Bible

Pet peeve Whining

If I won \$10M, I would ... go to work on Monday.

Most valuable possession BlackBerry

Of what achievements are you most proud? Making partner in my law firm faster than anyone in its 30-year history

Favorite song “Watchtower,” Dave

Matthews Band

Favorite sport; athlete College football; coach Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech

If you could invite three famous people, living or dead, to dinner, who would they be? Julius Caesar, John Adams and the young Muhammad Ali

Personal motto Anything worth doing is worth doing right.

First words of wisdom you ever received, and from whom: Don’t be an idiot. From my father.

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