

A man in a dark blue suit, white shirt, and striped tie is smiling and looking towards the camera. He is standing outdoors in front of a large brick building. In the background, there are street lamps and a banner that says "THE FINANCE CENTER".

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JB SMILEY JR., ESQ

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BIO

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A native Memphian, with five siblings, born to a social worker and a Bronze Star army soldier, JB Smiley, Jr. knows the value of hard work and a healthy, supportive community.

After JB's collegiate and semi-professional basketball career, he pursued a legal education, and later, a political career. But his life in serving the most vulnerable started from a young age.

JB's first experience with teamwork and leadership was as a Cub Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. Never afraid of getting his hands dirty, JB has done everything from working as a landfill cleaner to washing dishes. As his father taught him to "never forget the bridge that brought you over," JB decided to stay in the region to attend college and then law school at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law.

While in law school, JB served as a member of the Law Review, Moot Court Board, and as Vice President of the Black Law Students Association. JB successfully passed Arkansas and the Tennessee Bar exams, while writing his first book, *Born With It: Unleashing Your Greatness*.

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“One step toward a goal is better than any moment of complacency.”

In 2017, in Memphis, JB started his law practice, Smiley & Associates, PLLC. The following year, JB was named to Memphis Flyer’s Top 20, Under 30 class. During that same year, JB was appointed policy advisor to the Shelby County Clerk and served in such capacity until his election to the Memphis City Council in October 2019.

On September 08, 2021 he announced his run for Governor of Tennessee. He was less than a thousand votes shy from becoming the Democratic Nominee. Smiley continues to serve to ensure a better Tennessee.

As a council member, JB is currently Vice Chair of the City Council and serves as Chair of the Public Works, Solid Waste & General Services Committee, Vice Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee, and the council liaison for the Urban Art Commission and the Memphis & Shelby County Film and Television Commission.

In his spare time, JB likes to play basketball, work out, binge watch Netflix shows, and keep his dog, Mighty Mouse, and his nephew, Bryson Maxwell Smiley, smiling!

MEDIA

POLITICS

As an elected official, Smiley leads robust discussions about the political process.



LEADERSHIP

A successful author and community leader, Smiley is often called upon to speak to diverse audiences about leadership particularly as it relates to emerging leadership.

EQUALITY

Smiley's focus has been on police brutality, criminal justice and blight in predominantly Black neighborhoods.



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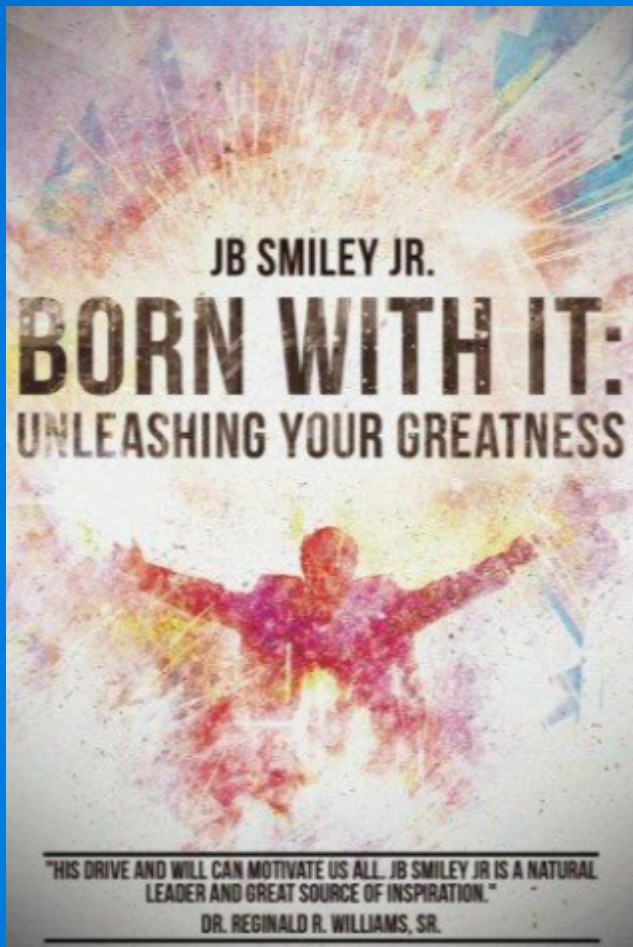
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AUTHOR



Born With It: Unleashing Your Greatness:- Uplifting Book, Hailed a "Must-Read" by Critics, Takes Groundbreaking Approach to Personal Development Written from the life, experiences and wisdom of attorney JB Smiley Jr. 'Born With It: Unleashing Your Greatness' isn't just another self-help book, but a game-changing, tangible guidebook anyone can use to overcome the negativity in society and prosper greater than they ever thought possible.

WHO AM I

A native Memphian, JB Smiley, Jr. is an attorney, politician, author, and speaker. Smiley serves as a frequent commentator for social issues, legal, and political matters.



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