

# Candidate Qualification / Position Statement For *Coalition for a Better Memphis* Website

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Name: Walter L. Bailey, Jr.

Website: [wblegal@aol.com](mailto:wblegal@aol.com)

Candidate for: Shelby County Commission

Why do you believe you are qualified for this position? My qualifications result from my unique long political history as a commissioner. During my tenure I have worked with many commission bodies, county administrators and elected officials in identifying revenue sources with which to provide a sound budget and fiscal stability. This experience has enabled me to assist and contribute to the continued growth, development, and progress of County government in areas of justice, health, safety, cultural enrichment, employment opportunities and educational funding. Moreover, my experience allowed me to serve as the Commissioner’s representative in the school merger mediations.

(I received the Ben Jones Bar Association President’s award in 2013 for the above role.)

Name three specific things you would like to accomplish if elected: 1. Greater support and attention provided in challenging the causes of poverty, unemployment and gang violence in certain distressed areas of or community. 2. Combining more Memphis and County services such as fire services, employees health coverage, and certain areas of purchasing such as printing and fuel consumption that would insure tremendous savings. 3. More technological and skill training to lure industries and commerce.

Have you ever been delinquent on your property taxes? Yes \_\_\_ No X Have you declared bankruptcy? Yes \_\_\_ No X Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes \_\_\_ No X

If you answered “yes” on any of the above items, please list the year and provide details. -

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List other elected positions you have run for and the outcome of the election:

None  
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**Current Employment Attorney**

Company: The Walter Bailey Law Firm

Length of Employment: Since 1968

Brief Job Description: Trial Attorney

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**Education**

Please list all college/advanced degrees attained.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Year</u>
<u>Southern University Law School</u>	<u>Juris Doctor</u>	<u>1965</u>

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Additional information relating to your educational background (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Many awards including Alumni Hall of Fame from Southern University Law School and  
Pillars of Excellent Award from the University of Memphis Law School as well as a award from  
Tennessee Human Rights Commission, and Recent Ben Jones Bar association President's award.

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How long have you lived in Memphis? All my life.

Where did you grow up? Memphis

If you grew up in Memphis, what schools did you attend: La Rose  
Booker T Washington

Marital status/children: Married and four adult children.

Please identify up to five organizations that are actively supporting your candidacy and provide a contact (with phone number) for each.

1. I have not made presentations yet. Some Individuals are:
2. Julian Bolton,esq., Sarah Lewis, Henry Turley
3. Mayor A. C. Wharton, Homer Brandon, esq. Councilman Lee Harris, esq.
4. Diane Withers, Sidney Chism, Charlie Perkins, esq., Ron Redwing
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your association memberships and identify any leadership positions you have held in the past.

1. None except Tennessee Bar Association.
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Please list up to 10 current or past civic/community memberships.

1. None
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Other Contact Information:

Campaign Chair: Javier Bailey \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: Julian Bolton \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information you would like to share with the voters:

Please vote for the candidate of your choice. \_\_\_\_\_  
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