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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**john powell to Receive Loving Civil Rights Award May 20**

john powell will serve as 2010 honoree and keynote speaker at the Loving Civil Rights Award Dinner, presented by the Connecticut Fair Housing Center on Thursday, May 20, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., at The Bond Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut.

The Loving Civil Rights Award honors Mildred and Richard Loving, a couple who suffered the ultimate form of housing discrimination, when Virginia banned them from residing together in the state because of their interracial union. Eventually, Mildred and Richard Loving challenged Virginia's prohibition on interracial marriages and their historic victory before the United States Supreme Court inspired generations of civil rights lawyers.

john powell is executive director of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, and Gregory H. Williams Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University.

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