Civil rights attorney to speak at Ursuline

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Avery Friedman, a 1963 graduate of Orange High School, civil-rights attorney and CNN legal analyst, will speak about social injustice from 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 17 at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, where he is visiting professor in constitutional law.

The college has created the Avery Friedman Human Rights Scholarship for students enrolled in its legal studies program. The scholarship recipients will be selected based on their commitment to the advancement of human rights. Mr. Friedman teaches courses in women and the law, civil rights, employment law, constitutional law and law and the media.

He was instrumental in a discrimination case several years ago against former Woodmere Mayor Yolanda Brodie and the village by three police officers.

The values, voice and vision of the college, along with the Ursuline Sisters’ motto to transform society through contemplation, justice and compassion, have been the centerpiece of his instruction, according to Ursuline College President Sister Diana Stano. His students find in Mr. Friedman both an intellectual and moral model of the good that can be done through the law, she said.

Mr. Friedman, who is a member of the Orange High School Hall of Fame and has been a member of an alumni band, has lectured at more than three dozen law schools, including Stanford, Berkeley, Duke, Tulane and Texas universities. He is the first living white male to be inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame. He has been recognized in Time magazine, the New York Times and USA Today as a nationally distinguished civil rights lawyer and law professor, according to Sister Stano, and has been CNN’s legal analyst every Saturday for nine years.

The first major donor to the Avery Friedman Human Rights Scholarship was the Cleveland Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In addition to other donations, all funds from the event will go toward the scholarship.

Sister Stano and the evening’s master of ceremony, broadcaster and author Larry Morrow, of South Russell, will welcome attendees. The proceeds from this evening will benefit the Avery Friedman Human Rights Scholarship.

The cost of admission is $25 per person or $200 for a table of eight. For more information, call Angela DelPrete at 440-646-8371.

The event will be held at Daley Dining Hall, 2550 Lander Road.