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**James H. Hall, Jr., to receive inaugural
Robert H. Friebert Social Justice Award**

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin – Prominent Milwaukee civil rights attorney James H. Hall, Jr., has been selected to receive the inaugural Robert H. Friebert Social Justice Award. The award was established last year by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

Hall has devoted his entire adult life to fighting for civil rights in Milwaukee and across the country. Former president of the NAACP Milwaukee Branch and a founding member of 100 Black Men of Milwaukee, Hall is a member of the Board of Directors of the ACLU of Wisconsin, a past member of the ACLU National Board of Directors, and a past member of the National Board of Directors of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Mr. Hall is an Instructor/Lecturer for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of Community Outreach.

“James Hall embodies the commitment to justice and community that characterized Bob’s life and legacy,” said JCRC Chair Ellis Bromberg.

“A quiet advocate, James has shown tenacity and a dogged commitment to justice for the benefit of our entire community,” said Brian Schupper, chair of the award committee and Friebert’s son-in-law. “He has been a leader for good, demonstrating courage and compassion throughout his career.”

Hall will receive the award at the [JCRC’s Annual Meeting](#) on Thursday, June 18. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for the event.

Robert H. Friebert (1938-2013) dedicated himself to the pursuit of social justice and the Jewish value of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). A graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, Friebert was a founding partner of the law firm [Friebert, Finerty and St. John S.C.](#)

He argued four cases in the United States Supreme Court and served as the first public defender for the State of Wisconsin from 1966-1968. Friebert was also extremely active in local, state and national Democratic politics in his pursuit of social justice. In addition to his legal and political work, Friebert held significant leadership roles in numerous organizations, boards and commissions. For more on Friebert and the award, click [here](#).

About the Jewish Community Relations Council

Founded in 1938, the Jewish Community Relations Council, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, advocates for the rights and values of Jews individually and collectively, here and abroad. The Council implements a coordinated program of education, action, and advocacy for the Jewish community. For more than 100 years, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation has been dedicated to building a strong Jewish community. We distributed \$20 million last year to Jewish and non-Jewish organizations locally and around the world, and manage philanthropy through our \$150 million Jewish Community Foundation.

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