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## **Harford County Plans May 9 Community Conversation With Civil Rights Activist, Author A. Dwight Pettit, Esq.**


**BEL AIR, Md.**, (April 30, 2019) - Harford County will host a community conversation next week on civility and civil rights featuring Baltimore attorney, author and lifelong activist A. Dwight Pettit, Esq. This important conversation is planned from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9 at the Joppatowne High School auditorium, 555 Joppa Farm Road in Joppa. Presented by the Harford County Human Relations Commission under the administration of County Executive Barry Glassman, admission is free and open to the public.

Attendees will be invited to ask questions as Mr. Pettit shares his stories of injustice and the legal victories that ensued. As outlined in his book, "Under Color of Law," Mr. Pettit was represented by Thurgood Marshall in a 1958 case against Harford County Public Schools, and later became the first African American male to attend Aberdeen High School. As an attorney, he won landmark cases involving discrimination and civil rights. Citing the state's diversity and historical significance, Mr. Pettit has called Maryland the birthplace and heart of the civil rights movement.

Participants are encouraged to RSVP by contacting Kristy Heim at 410-638-3389 or [klheim@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:klheim@harfordcountymd.gov).

The Harford County Human Relations Commission is a group of 15 volunteer citizens dedicated to alleviating social problems and promoting equality, understanding, and harmonious relations between the citizens of the county. For more information about the Human Relations Commission, please visit [www.harfordcountymd.gov/services](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/services) or contact 410-638-4739.

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