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Rutgers Law School-Newark has enlisted retired Chief Justice Deborah Poritz and David Harris of Lowenstein Sandler for the committee searching for a dean to replace Stuart Deutsch when he rejoins the faculty in May after nine years in office.

Students are being included, too, as when Deutsch and predecessor Roger Abrams were picked as deans. And the two pupils on this year's panel are on their way to having glittering résumés of their own.

They both have fellowships from the Eagleton Institute of Politics and are on the Rutgers Law Review. And when the new dean starts the 2009 fall semester, both will be alumni working in Manhattan for international mega firms.

Neil Kronley of Jersey City, the day school representative, is a Haverford College graduate and will be an associate next year at 3,700-lawyer DLA Piper.

Tamara Britt of Edison, the evening division representative, was president of the school's Association of Black Law Students, worked in the alumni and advancement offices and is a graduate of Hampton College. She is heading for 900-lawyer Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton.

The students are displaying the discretion firms require of lawyers. 'Yes, it is great that Rutgers Law has included students on the Dean's Search Committee,' Britt says, but she and Kronley had nothing substantive to say about the search.

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