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Rutgers-Newark Law School Alums Reach Top Position in Two of the Country's Most Influential Bar Associations

Newark, NJ, April 25, 2008 – When Ann Berger Lesk, a 1977 graduate of Rutgers School of Law–Newark, is inducted next month as president of the New York County Lawyers Association, she will join Class of 1968 alum Barry Kamins, president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, as head of one of the most powerful bar organizations in the country. Lesk is a partner and head of the trusts and estates department at Fried, Frank, Harris & Jacobson LLP and Kamins is a partner in Flamhaft Levy Kamins Hirsch & Rendeiro LLP and a criminal law expert. Though they have very different legal practices, both demonstrate a strong commitment to social justice that was nurtured during their law school years.

At a recent New York City reception in honor of the two Rutgers-Newark law alums, Kamins described the important pro bono work of the New York City Bar and of the influence of the late Rutgers constitutional law professor Arthur Kinoy on his decision to become a criminal defense attorney. Kinoy's civil rights advocacy inspired several generations of Rutgers law students to use their legal talents on behalf of the underserved.

Lesk spoke warmly of the law school's commitment to promoting opportunity in the legal profession. Looking around the reception at the strong turnout of alums who practice in New York firms, she also remarked on the significant growth of a Rutgers presence in the city's legal community since the beginning of her career.

The reception was held at the office of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and hosted by Mary Beth Hogan '90, a litigation partner in the firm.

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