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1) A brief statement about your office generally (e.g., mission, jurisdiction, size, nature of practice, etc.)

Judge D’Agostino is a United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of New York. Judge D’Agostino was nominated by President Obama on January 5, 2011, and confirmed by the United States Senate on March 28, 2011.

Federal district court jurisdiction is limited to types of cases listed in the Constitution and those specifically provided for by Congress. For the most part, federal courts hear (1) cases in which the United States is a party; (2) cases involving violations of the United States Constitution or federal laws; (3) cases between citizens of different states if the amount in controversy exceeds $75,000; and (4) bankruptcy, copyright, patent, and maritime law cases. District Court jurisdiction includes both civil and criminal cases.

The United States District Court for the Northern District of New York is one of the ninety-four judicial districts in the United States and one of four in the state of New York. Its jurisdiction comprises the counties of Albany, Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, St. Lawrence, Tioga, Tompkins, Ulster, Warren, and Washington. The court has offices in Albany, Binghamton, Plattsburgh, Syracuse, and Utica.

As with most district court judges, Judge D’Agostino’s chambers is comprised of two law clerks, a judicial assistant, and a courtroom deputy.

2) A description of the experiences law students are likely to have at your office, including the types tasks a student may perform.

Students interning for Judge D’Agostino will be assigned to work on a civil case, for which they will be expected to draft a proposed opinion. In addition to this
substantive research and writing, students are strongly encouraged to observe proceedings taking place before Judge D’Agostino or any of the district’s other judges.

3) Any special requirements you have for student selection (e.g., writing sample, class standing, experience, third year students only, background check, etc.)

Students selected for an interview will be asked to provide a writing sample. In addition to being subject to a background check, any student selected for an internship will be provided a packet of information that he or she must complete and return to human resources.

4) Website for further information

www.nynd.uscourts.gov

5) Anything else that you think would be helpful or informative.

6) Please attach resume or other background information for each supervising attorney.

Please see attached.