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

The NYS Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC) was established in September 2002 to address New York State's cyber security readiness and critical infrastructure coordination. In focusing on the State's cyber readiness and critical infrastructure coordination needs, it is important to address issues from both a cyber and physical perspective. Being cognizant of the interdependencies between cyber and physical events is crucial. The efforts to address cyber events must include an awareness of the potential physical impacts; similarly, addressing physical events requires an awareness of the potential cyber impacts. To that end, CSCIC coordinates its activities with the Governor's Office, the NYS Office of Homeland Security (OHS), and other State agencies. These relationships ensure that the information sharing and communication required to secure New York State’s assets are maximized.

CSCIC is responsible for leading and coordinating New York State's efforts regarding cyber readiness, geographic information systems (GIS) and critical infrastructure preparedness. CSCIC works collaboratively with the public and private sectors to foster communication and coordination.

Two key initiatives coordinated by CSCIC, in collaboration with OHS, include the Public/Private Sector Cyber Security Workgroup, which serves to facilitate information sharing between the public and private sectors; and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC), which focuses on facilitating communication among States regarding cyber and/or critical infrastructure readiness and response efforts.

The efforts of CSCIC will build on the foundation already established in New York State to help the State protect, detect, respond to and recover from cyber-based incidents that threaten our State's critical public and private assets.

There are two full time attorneys employed at CSCIC: the General Counsel and a senior attorney. The General Counsel acts as chief legal advisor to the Director and executive staff. The senior attorney supports General Counsel and acts in the capacity as the Agency’s Records Officer. The Counsel’s Office provides assistance and advice on all legal matters before CSCIC. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, development of procurements and the drafting and negotiation of the resulting contracts, researching and drafting of legal opinions, and drafting or commenting on proposed legislation.

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

There are two full time attorneys employed at CSCIC: the General Counsel and a senior attorney. The General Counsel acts as chief legal advisor to the Director and executive staff. The Counsel’s Office provides assistance and advice on all legal matters before CSCIC. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, development of procurements and the drafting and negotiation of the resulting contracts, researching and drafting of legal opinions, and drafting or commenting on proposed legislation. Law students under the supervision of the senior attorney will work on contracts for products and services relating to cyber security and geographic information systems; memoranda of understanding with Federal, State and Local agencies on information sharing for geographic
information systems; Non-disclosure agreements for public and private entities to facilitate information sharing for critical infrastructure and cyber security incidents and research on legal issues including but not limited to cyber security, intellectual property and privacy.

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

All students will be required to undergo a background check and execute a non-disclosure agreement. We ask that students submit a writing sample as well as a resume. Given the tasks that are assigned to the interns, second and third year students with a foundation in research and legal writing have been most successful.

4) Website for further information
http://www.cscic.state.ny.us/

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

If any student wishes to speak to the supervising attorney prior to applying for an internship, such communication will be welcome.

Joseph Martucci
Assistant Counsel
NYS Office of Cyber Security & Critical Infrastructure Coordination
30 South Pearl St.
Albany, NY 12207
phone (518)474-0865 fax (518)402-3799
email: joe.martucci@cscic.state.ny.us