PLACEMENT NAME:
Federal Public Defender

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

We are appointed by the United States District Court to represent indigent defendants in federal
criminal cases in the Northern District of New York, appeals to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals,
and to the United States Supreme Court. We are a federal agency funded by the United States
Courts with staffed offices in Albany and Syracuse. There are six attorneys, two investigators, and
five other support staff in the Albany office. Our caseload is varied, including drug offenses,
immigration crimes, fraud, crimes of violence, firearms charges, etc.

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

Students will regularly attend court with our attorneys, accompany us to visit detained clients,
research legal issues, write memoranda, discuss cases with attorneys, and will learn a great deal
about the practice of federal criminal defense.

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

Students need only have an interest in federal criminal law.