TO: ALBANY LAW CLINIC & JUSTICE CENTER
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PLACEMENT NAME: Schenectady County Public Defender's Office

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

Our office represents indigent clients throughout Schenectady County on criminal matters, family court matters and parole violations. At present, approximately 5,500 new cases are brought in each year handled by fourteen (14) attorneys employed by the County.

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 have the ability to get a practice order and assist our attorneys in criminal courts, family court and administrative parole proceedings. Appearing with clients in both criminal and family court as well as handling most aspects of each case, with supervision, is the goal for each student.

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

Students must have completed their first year of law school. An interview with Public Defender Mark J. Caruso is normally required. The County reserves the right to conduct a background check when desired.

4) Website for further information

Not available at present.

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