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**CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES
SELECTION OF ANDREW FINE FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL CLERKSHIP**

***FINE, SELECTED FROM OVER 250 CANDIDATES, IS A STUDENT AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW
AND HAS A DEGREE FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY***

***CORPORATION COUNSEL CARDOZO THANKS FIRMS THAT DONATED
TO HELP FUND THIS PUBLIC SERVICE CLERKSHIP***

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New York, March 22, 2013 – Corporation Counsel Michael A. Cardozo today announced Andrew Fine as the winner of the New York City Law Department's Corporation Counsel Clerkship. Fine was selected from over 250 applicants.

In November 2011, Cardozo announced plans to initiate an annual one-year clerkship. This is funded in large part by private donations, to be made available to recent law school graduates to work in the Corporation Counsel's Office. The Corporation Counsel Clerkship at the New York City Law Department—modeled on a traditional judicial clerkship—permits high-caliber recent law school graduates to pursue an interest in legal issues relating to local government. The clerkship is the first of its kind in the country. The first Corporation Counsel Clerk, Candice Cho, a Columbia Law School graduate, began work in the Corporation Counsel's Office in September. Fine will begin his clerkship in September 2013.

"We had an extraordinarily competitive pool of applicants this year," noted Corporation Counsel Cardozo. "However, I cannot think of a better candidate than Andrew Fine. His record shows a demonstrable sustained commitment to public service. We have no doubt that he will make valuable contributions during his Law Department clerkship, and we hope this clerkship will give him a strong foundation in legal issues relating to local government law."

Fine echoed this enthusiasm. "I am very excited and honored to be joining the Law Department as the next Corporation Counsel Clerk. The position provides a unique opportunity for a recent graduate to explore the diverse legal and policy challenges that the City faces, and I look forward to working with the dedicated lawyers in the Law Department who serve the City that I love," he said.

Fine graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *magna cum laude* from Harvard College in 2009, with a degree in Social Studies. At New York University Law School, he is a Notes Editor of the Journal of Legislation and Policy and the Frank J. Guarini Institute for Government Scholar. Andrew has interned with the General Counsel's Office of the New York City Council and with the American Center for Political Studies at Harvard.

Corporation Counsel Cardozo also extended special thanks to those firms and individuals who helped make the clerkship possible. "We appreciate the donations of firms, including **Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, LLP, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, Latham & Watkins LLP, Proskauer Rose LLP, Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP, and numerous individual alumni of the City Law Department**, who recognized the program's value and supported this innovative opportunity."

The Corporation Counsel Clerkship offers an unprecedented opportunity for some of the brightest legal minds to gain unparalleled public service experience and access early in their careers, according to Cardozo.

Fine will work closely with the Corporation Counsel, the Law Department's Executive Staff, senior attorneys, and City officials. His responsibilities could potentially include trial court level litigation, appellate work or counseling, and legislative drafting on matters involving significant policy initiatives such as criminal or juvenile justice, the environment, education, social policy, municipal finance, land use and economic development. The clerkship is seen as a way to gain experience and insight into the operations and governance of New York City. Fine may also have the opportunity to work closely with the Mayor's Office, the City Council and various City agencies.

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, which facilitates innovative public-private partnerships, has worked with the Law Department to raise the necessary support for the program. Funding secured for the clerkship is covering a salary comparable to that of a first-year Assistant Corporation Counsel, including benefits.

Further Information

- For those wishing to donate to future clerkships, contact the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City at (212) 788-7794 or fund@cityhall.nyc.gov. The Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and all donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law.
- The Law Department anticipates announcing future clerkship opportunities this fall. As the process is finalized, information for applying will be available online through the Law Department's Legal Recruitment Office at www.nyc.gov/law.
- Clerkship qualifications include a record of academic excellence and a strong interest in New York City and its governance.

As in Fine's case, recipients would be chosen by a committee of senior executives at the Law Department.

The New York City Law Department is one of the oldest, largest and most dynamic law offices in the world. Tracing its roots back to the 1600's, the Department's 650-plus lawyers handle more than 80,000 cases and transactions each year in 17 separate legal divisions. The Corporation Counsel heads the Law Department and acts as legal counsel for the Mayor, elected officials, the City and all its agencies. The Department's attorneys represent the City on a vast array of civil litigation, legislative and legal issues and in the criminal prosecution of juveniles. For more information, please visit nyc.gov/law.

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