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The Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts have selected Mary Page Kelley to be a Magistrate Judge, subject to the required background investigation. When appointed, Ms. Kelley will sit in Boston.

Chief Judge Patti B. Saris said: “Ms. Kelley has an outstanding reputation in this court for her effective advocacy on behalf of indigent defendants. She also has focused her considerable energy on assisting in the Court’s reentry programs like Care and Restart, which help defendants to stay out of trouble and begin law-abiding lives by overcoming drug addiction and gaining employment. Ms. Kelley has a warm, sparkling personality, and we look forward to having her as part of the court family.”

Ms. Kelley, 54, has spent her career representing indigent defendants. She now serves as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Boston office of the Federal Public Defender Office, and has served in that capacity since 2004. While serving in the Boston office, she has represented defendants throughout the Commonwealth. She was an active participant in this court’s re-entry programs, Care and Restart, from 2009 through 2013.

Ms. Kelley served as a CJA Attorney for two years prior to her appointment as an Assistant Federal Public Defender. Before that, she served as an Attorney-in-Charge with the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services representing indigent defendants in state court. She was a state public defender for fourteen years.

Ms. Kelley is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Smith College in Northampton, MA. She is an adjunct professor at the Suffolk University Law School where she teaches trial advocacy. Ms. Kelley and her family reside in West Newton, Massachusetts.

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