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This week, two new district judges, Mark Mastroianni and Leo Sorokin took the oath of office to serve on the bench for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Judge Indira Talwani was sworn in last month. Assistant Federal Public Defender Page Kelley has been selected to fill the magistrate judge position vacated by the elevation of Judge Sorokin, and will take the oath of office on Monday, June 16, 2014.

Judge Talwani is a graduate of Harvard-Radcliffe College and received her J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California. Judge Talwani was a partner in the Boston law firm of Segal Roitman, LLP. Prior to that, she served as a law clerk to Judge Stanley A. Weigel of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, and was a partner with the litigation firm of Altshuler, Berzon, Nussbaum, Berzon and Rubin in San Francisco.

Judge Mastroianni is a graduate of Western New England School of Law and American International College. He was the Hampden County District Attorney for three years prior to joining the bench. From 1995 to 2011, Judge Mastroianni was in private practice as a sole practitioner with a practice in criminal defense.

Judge Sorokin is a graduate of Columbia Law School and Yale College. He served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge from 2005 until his appointment as a District Judge. Judge Sorokin served as a law clerk to Judge Rya W. Zobel from 1991 to 1992. He was previously employed as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and as an Assistant Federal Public Defender from 1997 until 2005.

Magistrate Judge-designee Kelley is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Smith College in Northampton, MA. She has been Assistant Federal Public Defender in Boston since 2004. She was an active participant in this court's re-entry programs, CARE and RESTART, from 2009 through 2013. Judge-designee Kelley was a state public defender for 16 years, and served as Attorney-in-Charge of the Cambridge Office of the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services from 1998-2002.

Chief Judge Saris said, "We are excited to have our new colleagues. It is a time of great transition for the court. We are looking forward to their energy and new ideas. The court is in the process of randomly redistributing the caseload to the new judges in Boston, and returning cases back to Springfield."

Formal investiture ceremonies will be scheduled at a later date.

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