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On June 16, 2020, Magistrate Judge Page Kelley became Chief Magistrate Judge. Chief Magistrate Judge Kelley will serve a term of three years and becomes the tenth Chief Magistrate Judge of the District of Massachusetts. Former Chief Magistrate Judge Hennessy served in that capacity from June 16, 2017 through June 15, 2020.

Judge Kelley was appointed a United States Magistrate Judge by the United States District Court on June 16, 2014. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Kelley spent her career representing indigent defendants. She served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Boston office of the Federal Public Defender from 2004 to 2014. She was the defense representative 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 was the Attorney-in-Charge of the Cambridge Office for the Committee for Public Counsel Services, representing indigent defendants in state court. She was a state public defender for fourteen years.

Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV states: "Judge Kelley has been an outstanding Magistrate Judge since her appointment six years ago, not only in her diligent, thoughtful, and intelligent approach to her courtroom work, but in her many contributions to the work of the court as a whole. I look forward to working with her in these difficult and challenging times. I also want to thank Judge Hennessy for his leadership as chief over the past three years, and especially his tremendous contributions since the present crisis began."

Judge Kelley graduated from Smith College in 1981 and from Harvard Law School in 1986.