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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Chief Magistrate Judge M. Page Kelley Reappointed to New Term**

The Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts have reappointed Chief Magistrate Judge M. Page Kelley to a new term commencing June 16, 2022, upon the recommendation of a Merit Selection Panel appointed pursuant to the Order dated September 21, 2021. Judge Kelley was first appointed to be a United States Magistrate Judge by the Court for an eight-year term that commenced on June 16, 2014. She has served as Chief Magistrate Judge since 2020.

Chief Judge Saylor stated: “The court unanimously and enthusiastically reappointed Chief Judge Kelley. She has been an outstanding magistrate judge in all respects – she is smart, thoughtful, and hard-working, and has excellent judgment, both on the bench and off. She is also an ideal colleague and a substantial contributor to the leadership and management of the court.”

As a magistrate judge, Judge Kelley presides over pretrial matters in all types of civil cases filed in Federal Court and, with the consent of the parties, presides over jury and jury-waived civil cases through judgment. She also presides over pretrial matters in criminal felony cases, and handles petty offenses, misdemeanor and extradition cases through trial and sentencing. Judge Kelley presides over two innovative specialty courts, the RISE program, for people who are awaiting sentencing, and the CARE program, for those on supervised release who have substance use disorder and are at high risk to recidivate. Both programs are geared toward

diverting defendants from incarceration and helping them better their lives. In addition, the magistrate judges in Massachusetts are the principal mediators in the District Court's pre-trial mediation program, which is available to all civil litigants free of charge. She is currently chair of the Reentry Court Committee and member of the Budget Committee. She serves as the Magistrate Judge Liaison to the Criminal Justice Act Panel.

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.

Judge Kelley is a graduate of Smith College and Harvard Law School.

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