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The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit has tentatively selected Claude J. Kelly III for appointment as the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Louisiana, subject to further consideration after background investigations are conducted. The office is headquartered at New Orleans.

Mr. Kelly is a native of New Orleans. He graduated from Tulane University School of Law in 1987, and presently runs a private law practice specializing in criminal trial work in both state and federal court.

The terms of appointment and reappointment for Federal Public Defenders are four years.

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