Senator John F. Kelly

John F. Kelly has 35 years of concurrent experience in higher education, civil government and the military. He received a Fulbright Fellowship in 2001 to teach and conduct research on comparative federalism at the University of Windsor in Canada. He currently holds the rank of Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science at Windsor. He served as a member of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University in Detroit from 1998 to 2002. Dr. Kelly is creating several initiatives to encourage economic development by optimizing the advantages of globalization through higher education and government entrepreneurship.

Professor Kelly holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration from Wayne State University. Dr.Kelly has a Juris Doctor degree from Michigan State University and is a diplomate in military law from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General School at the University of Virginia. He completed graduate studies at the Walsh School of Foreign Policy at Georgetown University. His BA is from the University of Michigan with Honors. He is also a practicing attorney as a principal in the firm of Schwartz Kelly & Oltarz-Schwartz. Dr. Kelly served as a Special Attorney General in Michigan from 1995 to 1999. He is a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and the Michigan Supreme Court and all lesser Federal and State bars as well as the US Court of Military Appeals.

John was elected to the Michigan State Senate in 1978 from Detroit and Eastern Wayne County. He was elected to four, four-year consecutive terms in the Senate. In 1994 he stood for election to the U.S. Senate requiring he retire from the State Senate. He has served from 2002 on the Michigan Film Advisory Board as the elected Vice-Chair under three previous appointive chairmen.