

Assistant District Attorney Nicoletta J. Caferri

Nicoletta J. Caferri, a career prosecutor, is Chief of the Animal Cruelty Prosecutions Unit in the Queens County District Attorney's Office in New York City, which was formed in January, 2016. She investigates and prosecutes animal cruelty crimes, including animal fighting, animal hoarding, intentional injuring or killing of companion animals, and neglect or abandonment of household pets. Ms. Caferri works closely with NYPD's Animal Cruelty Investigation Squad and the ASPCA, including the ASPCA forensic veterinarians.

For her work in prosecuting animal cruelty crimes, in 2016, Ms. Caferri was named by the Animal Legal Defense Fund as one of America's Top Ten Animal Defenders. She was also awarded the ASPCA Award of Excellence and the New York City Bar Association Thomas E. Dewey Medal for outstanding prosecution. Ms. Caferri is a member of the New York City Bar Association Animal Law Committee, the International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association, the National Coalition on Violence Against Animals, and the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Animal Cruelty Advisory Committee.

Ms. Caferri is a 1978 graduate of New York State University College at Oneonta, and a 1985 graduate of Brooklyn Law School. She is admitted to practice in New York, the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

