



**Kathryn Falasca, Director, Domestic Violence Counsel,
New York Police Department**

Kathryn Falasca, a dedicated public servant whose career has been defined by a deep commitment to justice and to supporting survivors of domestic violence.

Director Falasca earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Art History from Stonehill College, graduating with honours. She went on to receive her Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law, where she graduated cum laude and was recognized for her excellence in public service.

Director Falasca began her career in 2011 as an Assistant District Attorney with the Bronx County District Attorney's Office, where she served as a prosecutor for ten years. During that time, she developed deep expertise in the prosecution of domestic violence cases and ultimately became Supervisor of the Domestic Violence Bureau, overseeing a team of 40 Assistant District Attorneys. Over the course of her tenure, she prosecuted hundreds of intimate partner violence cases, including complex felony and misdemeanour matters, and specialized in the prosecution of intimate partner homicides, including cold cases. Her work also included managing challenging investigations involving rape and arson, always with a focus on achieving justice for victims and their families.

In January 2021, Director Falasca joined the New York City Police Department as Special Counsel, Projects and Programs Coordinator and was assigned to the Deputy Commissioner, Department Advocate's Office. In that role, she supervised attorneys handling special victims matters and oversaw initiatives focused on improving the department's response to victims. She played a key role in developing training programs for investigators and counselling programs for members of service affected by intimate partner violence. She later served as Director in the Strategic Initiatives Bureau, where she worked with city and state agencies, hospitals, and survivor advocacy groups to strengthen the investigation and prosecution of gender-based violence while promoting trauma-informed policing practices.

In July 2024, Director Falasca joined the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in the inaugural role created by Governor Hochul, of Criminal Justice Advocate, a position created to strengthen coordination between law enforcement, prosecutors, and community partners. In that role, she worked to ensure strong investigations and accountability for crimes committed against transit employees and customers.

In September 2025, she returned to the New York City Police Department as the Department's first Domestic Violence Counsel. Over the past 6 months, she has worked closely with executive leadership on the creation of the Detective Bureau Domestic Violence Unit, a major shift from a patrol-based model to a centralized investigative approach. This new structure provides survivors with coordinated support — from resources to prosecution — under the guidance of a single investigator. Director Falasca has been instrumental in developing policy and procedures, leading department-wide reviews, and providing daily legal and strategic guidance to investigators, all with the goal of strengthening the response to domestic violence.

Director Falasca was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2012 and is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. She has worked with the National Center

for Victims of Crime and the Office for Victims of Crime on issues related to intimate partner homicide.

A second-generation public servant, Director Falasca comes from a family dedicated to helping others — a tradition she continues through her own work improving systems of justice and support for victims.