

Ms. Emily Rafferty

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Emily Kernan Rafferty is President of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the largest art museum in the United States, where she supervises an administrative staff of 1,500 full- and part-time employees and serves ex officio on its Board of Trustees. Ms. Rafferty joined the Met 37 years ago, working her way up through the ranks in the Development Department, and later serving as a vice president and senior vice president before her election to the presidency in 2005.

Ms. Rafferty also serves as Chairwoman of NYC & Company, the City’s tourism and marketing agency, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. In 2011 she began a three-year term on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and was named Chairman in December, 2012.

In 2012 she received the New York University Lewis Rudin Award for Exemplary Service to New York City. Long affiliated with a number of educational, arts, and inter-museum organizations, she is a frequent speaker on topics relating to the non profit sector. She is also involved with a number of not-for-profit organizations in New York and serves as a mentor to women professionals with emerging careers.

Born and raised in New York City, Ms. Rafferty earned her B. A. degree cum laude from Boston University. She is married to John Rafferty, a retired audit Partner at Ernst & Young. The couple has a son and daughter, as well as a granddaughter.