

## SUFFOLK COUNTY CLERK - CANDIDATES



**Judith A. Pascale**  
**Republican**  
(Incumbent)

**BACKGROUND:** Pascale, 71, is running on the Republican, Conservative, Independence and Reform party lines. Pascale has spent 28 years in the clerk's office, including the last 12 as clerk. She was chief deputy clerk until 2006 when she was appointed acting clerk, and won an election to keep that post later that year. She previously served as an assistant to Suffolk County executives and worked at a pharmaceutical company. She is married with two children and two stepchildren.

**ISSUES:** Pascale said she wants to increase the type and number of records that are available electronically and have "everything online." She said she wants to complete the index of property records back to 1650 so that most information about properties is available online. Pascale said she plans to increase the electronic recording of mortgages and deeds. She says that about 80 percent of court cases are filed electronically because her office implemented mandatory e-filing and held seminars for attorneys on using the system. Pascale said her office has improved the use of technology and won awards with a decreased staff and without increasing her office's budget.



**DuWayne Gregory**  
**Democratic**

**BACKGROUND:** Gregory, 49, is running on the Democratic and Working Families party lines. The Copiague resident has been the presiding officer of the Suffolk County Legislature since 2014 and was its majority leader. He represents the 15th district, which includes parts of Babylon Town. Before his 2008 election, the Army veteran served as chief of staff to the-then 15th district legislator. He also worked for Babylon Town, including as commissioner for general services, and was associate director for Suffolk Off-Track Betting Corp. He has a bachelor's degree in public policy from North Carolina Wesleyan College.

**ISSUES:** Gregory said he is not actively campaigning in the clerk race, which he signed up for to get his name off the ballot for a Congressional seat after losing the Democratic primary. But Gregory said if elected, he would want to modernize the clerk's office to make records more accessible to western Suffolk residents who cannot get to Riverhead easily. He said he would also want to find a way to use information about foreclosures and business filings to provide resources to residents who are either at risk of losing their homes or want to start businesses, as well as to give residents a sense of the state of the local economy.



**Debra A. Brown**  
**Democratic**

**BACKGROUND:** Brown, 56, of Copiague, told Newsday in October she was no longer running for clerk on the Working Families party line. Brown is an attorney who specializes in matrimonial and family law, according to a profile published by the Suffolk County Bar Association. Brown, formerly a social worker and a corrections officer, has a degree from Touro Law Center, according to the bar association profile on her pro bono work

and honors. Brown, who has worked in the HIV/AIDS field for 18 years, teaches public health and trains health professionals as a senior education specialist at Stony Brook University, according to the college's website. Brown is married with three children, according to the bar association profile. Brown was not subsequently available for comment.