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TARA A. SCULLY ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR SUFFOLK SURROGATE JUDGE

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Port Jefferson, NY — For release July 12, 2018 — A former president of the Suffolk Women’s Bar Association with extensive experience in legal practice involving Elder Law and Trusts & Estates, has announced plans to enter the race for Judge of the Suffolk County Surrogate’s Court. Tara A. Scully, 41, of Setauket, said that she was motivated to consider the race by a recent newspaper editorial cast in the form of a help wanted ad that urged a qualified candidate to seek the office.

“Throughout my career, I have worked very hard to address the needs of many vulnerable clients and their families,” said Scully. “I have done so with sensitivity and a well-grounded sense of right and wrong. I will bring these same qualities to the office of Surrogate’s Court Judge, as well as the backbone that the editorial suggested would be a requirement for any successful candidate.”

In addition to her legal practice, Ms. Scully has served as a public defender for the Suffolk County Legal Aid Society, an Assistant Brookhaven Town Attorney, and as a Confidential Legal Assistant to the Counsel to the Governor in New York State’s Executive Chamber. In 2015, she sought election to the Suffolk County District Court and was found qualified for that office by the Suffolk County Bar Association’s Judicial Screening Committee.

In 2017, she founded a not-for-profit, Long Island Legal Care, Inc., which will provide pro bono legal services to indigent seniors and veterans.

After reading the editorial (“Backroom Deals for Judgeships Insult Voters”, Newsday, 6/28/18), which urged a qualified candidate for the office to enter the race because the Suffolk Democratic Committee had thrown the party’s support to a registered Conservative in a cross-endorsement deal, Scully said, she decided to circulate petitions in an effort to secure both the Republican and Democratic lines on the ballot.

“When the possibility of entering the race for Surrogate’s Court Judge arose, it became apparent that it offered not only an opportunity to make a difference but provided an even greater opportunity to effectuate change in the political climate in Suffolk County,” said Scully.

“As a candidate for a judicial office I am unable to address many of the detailed concerns that the editorial raised about the recent history of the Conservative Party in Suffolk County and ways in which cross-endorsements have often denied the voters any say at all in electing judges in Suffolk County. What I can do is state unequivocally that my only interest in serving as Judge of the Surrogate’s Court is based on my passion for the law, my desire to help people, and the significant role the Surrogate’s Court plays in the lives of Suffolk County families after the death of a loved one.”

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