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ARIZONA JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

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**Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Pinal and Santa Cruz County Voters Only**

### Hon. Joseph W Howard

Court of Appeals Division II  
Appointed: 1997

**100% of the Commission Voted Judge Howard  
MEETS Judicial Performance Standards**  
30 Commissioners Voted 'Meets'  
0 Commissioners Voted 'Does Not Meet'

Show Surveys from Prior Years

2012	<b>Attorney Surveys</b>	<b>Superior Court Judge Surveys</b>
	Distributed: 1142 Returned: 197 <b>Score (See Footnote)</b>	Distributed: 390 Returned: 156 <b>Score (See Footnote)</b>
Legal Ability	91%	100%
Integrity	92%	100%
Communication Skills and Department at Oral Argument	97%	n/a
Temperament	98%	n/a
Admin Performance	97%	100%

#### FOOTNOTE:

Judges are evaluated on their judicial performance midway through their term and prior to their retention election. Beginning in 2022, their survey evaluation scores include midterm scores and retention scores. Newly appointed judges serve a two-year term and are evaluated prior to their retention election on their retention scores. The score is the percentage of all evaluators who rated the judge "superior", "very good", or "satisfactory" in each of the Commission's evaluation categories. Depending on the assignment, a judge may not have responses in certain categories, indicated by N/A (for example, some judicial assignments do not require jury trials or no survey responses were returned). The JPR Commission votes "Yes" or "No" on whether a judge "MEETS" Judicial Performance Standards, based on the statistical information, as well as any other information submitted by the public or the judge. Further information on the judges and justices can be found at each court's website.



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2012 Attorney Survey Responses

Key: **SU** = Superior **VG** = Very Good **SA** = Satisfactory **PO** = Poor **UN** = Unsatisfactory

	UN		PO		SA		VG		SU		Mean	Total
	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.		
<b>1. Legal Ability</b>												
143. Legal reasoning ability	7	5%	8	5%	19	12%	44	28%	77	50%	3.14	155
144. Knowledge of law	7	5%	6	4%	19	12%	43	28%	80	52%	3.18	155
145. Decisions based on laws and facts	9	6%	6	4%	17	11%	35	23%	88	57%	3.21	155
146. Clearly written, legally supported decisions	9	6%	7	4%	16	10%	46	29%	79	50%	3.14	157
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>3.17</b>	<b>622</b>
<b>2. Integrity</b>												
147. Basic fairness and impartiality	6	5%	2	2%	9	7%	32	26%	73	60%	3.34	122
148. Equal treatment regardless of race	4	8%	0	0%	4	8%	16	33%	24	50%	3.17	48
149. Equal treatment regardless of gender	4	9%	0	0%	4	9%	17	37%	21	46%	3.11	46
150. Equal treatment regardless of religion	4	9%	0	0%	4	9%	15	34%	21	48%	3.11	44
151. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	4	8%	0	0%	4	8%	15	31%	25	52%	3.19	48
152. Equal treatment regardless of disability	4	9%	0	0%	4	9%	15	33%	22	49%	3.13	45
153. Equal treatment regardless of age	4	9%	0	0%	4	9%	15	34%	21	48%	3.11	44
154. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	4	9%	0	0%	4	9%	15	34%	21	48%	3.11	44
155. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	4	8%	1	2%	6	12%	16	32%	23	46%	3.06	50
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>491</b>
<b>3. Communication Skills and Department at Oral Argument</b>												
156. Attentiveness	0	0%	1	3%	2	5%	16	43%	18	49%	3.38	37
157. Demeanor in communications with counsel	0	0%	1	3%	3	9%	16	48%	13	39%	3.24	33
158. Appropriate restrictions on counsel during argument	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	100%	4.00	4

159. Relevant questions	0	0%	1	3%	9	24%	11	30%	16	43%	3.14	37
160. Preparation for oral argument	0	0%	1	3%	4	13%	12	40%	13	43%	3.23	30
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>3.27</b>	<b>141</b>
<b>4. Temperament</b>												
161. Dignified	0	0%	0	0%	3	8%	17	46%	17	46%	3.38	37
162. Courteous	0	0%	1	3%	3	8%	16	43%	17	46%	3.32	37
163. Patient	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	18	50%	16	44%	3.39	36
164. Conduct that promoted public confidence in the court and the judge's ability	0	0%	2	5%	3	8%	15	41%	17	46%	3.27	37
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>3.34</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>5. Admin Performance</b>												
165. Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	2	1%	2	1%	26	18%	74	51%	41	28%	3.03	145
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>3.03</b>	<b>145</b>



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2012 Superior Court Judge Survey Responses

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	UN		PO		SA		VG		SU		Mean	Total	No Resp
	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
<b>1. Legal Ability</b>													
77. Legal reasoning ability	0	0%	0	0%	21	15%	10	7%	108	78%	3.63	139	17
78. Knowledge of the law	0	0%	0	0%	21	15%	10	7%	108	78%	3.63	139	17
79. Decisions based on law and facts	0	0%	2	1%	19	14%	10	7%	108	78%	3.61	139	17
80. Clearly written, legally supported decisions	0	0%	0	0%	21	15%	10	7%	108	78%	3.63	139	17
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>3.62</b>	<b>556</b>	
<b>2. Integrity</b>													
81. Equal treatment regardless of race	0	0%	0	0%	20	16%	12	10%	90	74%	3.57	122	34
82. Equal treatment regardless of gender	0	0%	0	0%	20	18%	12	11%	82	72%	3.54	114	42
83. Equal treatment regardless of religion	0	0%	0	0%	20	18%	12	11%	82	72%	3.54	114	42
84. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0	0%	0	0%	18	16%	12	11%	82	73%	3.57	112	44
85. Equal treatment regardless of disability	0	0%	0	0%	16	15%	12	11%	80	74%	3.59	108	48
86. Equal treatment regardless of age	0	0%	0	0%	16	15%	12	11%	80	74%	3.59	108	48
87. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	0	0%	0	0%	18	17%	12	11%	79	72%	3.56	109	47
88. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	0	0%	0	0%	16	15%	12	11%	79	74%	3.59	107	49
89. Basic fairness and impartiality	0	0%	0	0%	16	15%	12	11%	82	75%	3.60	110	46
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>1004</b>	
<b>3. Admin Performance</b>													
90. Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	0	0%	0	0%	21	25%	24	29%	38	46%	3.20	83	73
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>3.20</b>	<b>83</b>	