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ARIZONA JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

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## Judicial Reports

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### Maricopa County Voters Only

#### Hon. Margaret H. Downie

Court of Appeals Division I

Appointed: 2008

**100% of the Commission Voted Judge Downie  
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: 837 Returned: 184 <b>Score (See Footnote)</b>	Distributed: 182 Returned: 81 <b>Score (See Footnote)</b>
Legal Ability	93%	97%
Integrity	99%	97%
Communication Skills and Deportment at Oral Argument	99%	n/a
Temperament	100%	n/a
Admin Performance	95%	97%

#### 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	1	1%	3	4%	8	11%	22	29%	41	55%	3.32	75
144. Knowledge of law	0	0%	3	4%	9	12%	22	29%	41	55%	3.35	75
145. Decisions based on laws and facts	1	1%	5	6%	9	12%	22	29%	40	52%	3.23	77
146. Clearly written, legally supported decisions	0	0%	7	9%	6	8%	23	30%	41	53%	3.27	77
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>3.29</b>	<b>304</b>
<b>2. Integrity</b>												
147. Basic fairness and impartiality	1	1%	1	1%	6	9%	16	24%	44	65%	3.49	68
148. Equal treatment regardless of race	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	9	20%	35	76%	3.72	46
149. Equal treatment regardless of gender	0	0%	0	0%	4	8%	9	18%	36	73%	3.65	49
150. Equal treatment regardless of religion	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%	9	23%	29	73%	3.68	40
151. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%	9	22%	30	73%	3.68	41
152. Equal treatment regardless of disability	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%	9	22%	30	73%	3.68	41
153. Equal treatment regardless of age	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%	9	20%	33	75%	3.70	44
154. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%	9	23%	29	73%	3.68	40
155. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	0	0%	1	2%	2	5%	11	25%	30	68%	3.59	44
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>3.64</b>	<b>413</b>
<b>3. Communication Skills and Deportment at Oral Argument</b>												
156. Attentiveness	0	0%	1	1%	7	7%	28	26%	70	66%	3.58	106
157. Demeanor in communications with counsel	0	0%	1	1%	9	9%	23	23%	66	67%	3.56	99
158. Appropriate restrictions on counsel during argument	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2

159. Relevant questions	0	0%	0	0%	4	4%	24	24%	73	72%	3.68	101
160. Preparation for oral argument	0	0%	0	0%	4	4%	19	21%	68	75%	3.70	91
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>399</b>
<b>4. Temperament</b>												
161. Dignified	0	0%	0	0%	8	8%	24	23%	73	70%	3.62	105
162. Courteous	0	0%	0	0%	10	10%	22	21%	71	69%	3.59	103
163. Patient	0	0%	1	1%	7	7%	27	26%	68	66%	3.57	103
164. Conduct that promoted public confidence in the court and the judge's ability	0	0%	1	1%	7	7%	20	20%	74	73%	3.64	102
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>3.61</b>	<b>413</b>
<b>5. Admin Performance</b>												
165. Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	2	3%	2	3%	14	18%	23	30%	35	46%	3.14	76
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>3.14</b>	<b>76</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%	2	3%	1	1%	11	14%	65	82%	3.76	79	2
78. Knowledge of the law	0	0%	2	3%	1	1%	11	14%	65	82%	3.76	79	2
79. Decisions based on law and facts	2	3%	0	0%	1	1%	11	14%	65	82%	3.73	79	2
80. Clearly written, legally supported decisions	2	3%	0	0%	1	1%	9	12%	65	84%	3.75	77	4
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>314</b>	
<b>2. Integrity</b>													
81. Equal treatment regardless of race	2	3%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	69	95%	3.85	73	8
82. Equal treatment regardless of gender	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	1	2%	61	94%	3.86	65	16
83. Equal treatment regardless of religion	0	0%	2	3%	1	1%	1	1%	63	94%	3.87	67	14
84. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	1	2%	59	94%	3.86	63	18
85. Equal treatment regardless of disability	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	1	2%	59	94%	3.86	63	18
86. Equal treatment regardless of age	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	1	2%	58	94%	3.85	62	19
87. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	1	2%	61	94%	3.86	65	16
88. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	1	2%	54	93%	3.84	58	23
89. Basic fairness and impartiality	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	1	2%	59	94%	3.86	63	18
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>3.86</b>	<b>579</b>	
<b>3. Admin Performance</b>													
90. Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	2	3%	0	0%	2	3%	8	14%	46	79%	3.66	58	23
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>3.66</b>	<b>58</b>	