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Maricopa County Voters Only

Hon. Dean M. Fink

Maricopa County Superior Court

Bench: Civil

Appointed: 2007

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

Show Surveys from Prior Years

2014	Attorney Surveys	Juror Surveys	Litigant Witness Surveys	Presiding Judge Surveys
	Distributed: 197 Returned: 66 Score (See Footnote)	Distributed: 28 Returned: 20 Score (See Footnote)	Distributed: 58 Returned: 13 Score (See Footnote)	Distributed: 2 Returned: 2 Score (See Footnote)
Legal Ability	93%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Integrity	98%	100%	100%	100%
Communication	95%	100%	100%	100%
Temperament	99%	100%	100%	100%
Admin Performance	99%	100%	100%	100%
Admin Skills	n/a	n/a	n/a	100%
Settlement Activities	94%	n/a	n/a	n/a

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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2014 Attorney 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.			
1. Legal Ability													
256. Legal reasoning ability	1	2%	5	8%	3	5%	18	29%	35	56%	3.31	62	0
257. Knowledge of substantive law	1	2%	5	8%	4	7%	16	27%	34	57%	3.28	60	0
258. Knowledge of rules of evidence	0	0%	1	2%	7	15%	12	26%	26	57%	3.37	46	0
259. Knowledge of rules of procedure	0	0%	3	5%	5	9%	16	28%	34	59%	3.40	58	0
Category Total	2	1%	14	6%	19	8%	62	27%	129	57%	3.34	226	
2. Integrity													
260. Basic fairness and impartiality	0	0%	2	3%	4	7%	13	21%	42	69%	3.56	61	0
261. Equal treatment regardless of race	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	6	17%	27	77%	3.71	35	0
262. Equal treatment regardless of gender	0	0%	1	3%	3	8%	5	13%	29	76%	3.63	38	0
263. Equal treatment regardless of religion	0	0%	1	3%	2	6%	4	13%	25	78%	3.66	32	0
264. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	4	13%	25	81%	3.74	31	0
265. Equal treatment regardless of disability	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	4	13%	24	80%	3.73	30	0
266. Equal treatment regardless of age	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	6	18%	25	76%	3.70	33	0
267. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	4	13%	25	81%	3.74	31	0
268. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	0	0%	1	3%	2	6%	5	14%	28	78%	3.67	36	0
Category Total	0	0%	5	2%	21	6%	51	16%	250	76%	3.67	327	
3. Communication													
269. Clear and logical oral 2s and directions	0	0%	2	3%	6	9%	12	19%	44	69%	3.53	64	0
270. Clear and logical written decisions	2	3%	3	5%	5	9%	13	22%	35	60%	3.31	58	0

271. Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	0	0%	3	5%	2	3%	10	16%	48	76%	3.63	63	0
Category Total	2	1%	8	4%	13	7%	35	19%	127	69%	3.50	185	
4. Temperament													
272. Understanding and compassion	0	0%	1	2%	4	7%	10	16%	46	75%	3.66	61	0
273. Dignified	0	0%	0	0%	6	9%	7	11%	51	80%	3.70	64	0
274. Courteous	0	0%	0	0%	7	11%	6	9%	51	80%	3.69	64	0
275. Conduct that promoted public confidence in the court and judge's ability	0	0%	2	3%	7	11%	7	11%	48	75%	3.58	64	0
276. Patient	0	0%	1	2%	5	8%	9	14%	48	76%	3.65	63	0
Category Total	0	0%	4	1%	29	9%	39	12%	244	77%	3.66	316	
5. Admin Performance													
277. Punctual in conducting proceedings	0	0%	1	2%	4	6%	10	16%	48	76%	3.67	63	0
278. Maintained proper control over courtroom	0	0%	0	0%	6	10%	9	15%	47	76%	3.66	62	0
279. Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	1	2%	0	0%	4	6%	9	14%	49	78%	3.67	63	0
280. Was prepared for the proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	6	9%	6	9%	52	81%	3.72	64	0
281. Efficient management of the calendar	0	0%	1	2%	6	10%	11	17%	45	71%	3.59	63	0
Category Total	1	0%	2	1%	26	8%	45	14%	241	77%	3.66	315	
6. Settlement Activities													
282. Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	0	0%	1	6%	2	11%	2	11%	13	72%	3.50	18	0
Category Total	0	0%	1	6%	2	11%	2	11%	13	72%	3.50	18	



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2014 Juror 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.			
1. Integrity													
222. Basic fairness and impartiality	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	10%	18	90%	3.90	20	0
223. Equal treatment regardless of race	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	10%	18	90%	3.90	20	0
224. Equal treatment regardless of gender	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	10%	18	90%	3.90	20	0
225. Equal treatment regardless of religion	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	12%	15	88%	3.88	17	0
226. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	11%	16	89%	3.89	18	0
227. Equal treatment regardless of disability	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	13%	14	88%	3.88	16	0
228. Equal treatment regardless of age	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	11%	17	89%	3.89	19	0
229. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	13%	14	88%	3.88	16	0
230. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	10%	18	90%	3.90	20	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	18	11%	148	89%	3.89	166	
2. Communication													
231. Explained proceedings to the jury	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	21%	15	79%	3.79	19	0
232. Explained reasons for delays	0	0%	0	0%	2	11%	3	16%	14	74%	3.63	19	0
233. Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	16%	16	84%	3.84	19	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	10	18%	45	79%	3.75	57	
3. Temperament													
234. Understanding and Compassion	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	21%	15	79%	3.79	19	0
235. Dignified	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	21%	15	79%	3.79	19	0
236. Courteous	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	21%	15	79%	3.79	19	0

237. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	26%	14	74%	3.74	19	0
238. Patient	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	21%	15	79%	3.79	19	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	21	22%	74	78%	3.78	95	
4. Admin Performance													
239. Punctuality in conducting proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	3	16%	4	21%	12	63%	3.47	19	0
240. Maintained proper control of courtroom	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	16%	16	84%	3.84	19	0
241. Was prepared for the proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	16%	16	84%	3.84	19	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	3	5%	10	18%	44	77%	3.72	57	



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	UN		PO		SA		VG		SU		Mean	Total	No Resp
	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
1. Integrity													
203. Basic fairness and impartiality	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	2	15%	10	77%	3.69	13	0
204. Equal treatment regardless of race	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	17%	10	83%	3.83	12	0
205. Equal treatment regardless of gender	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	18%	9	82%	3.82	11	0
206. Equal treatment regardless of religion	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	18%	9	82%	3.82	11	0
207. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	17%	10	83%	3.83	12	0
208. Equal treatment regardless of disability	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	20%	8	80%	3.80	10	0
209. Equal treatment regardless of age	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	17%	10	83%	3.83	12	0
210. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	20%	8	80%	3.80	10	0
211. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	18%	9	82%	3.82	11	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	18	18%	83	81%	3.80	102	
2. Communication													
212. Explained proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	11	92%	3.92	12	0
213. Explained reasons for delays	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	1	8%	10	83%	3.75	12	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	2	8%	21	88%	3.83	24	
3. Temperament													
214. Understanding and compassion	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	1	8%	11	85%	3.77	13	0
215. Dignified	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	1	8%	11	85%	3.77	13	0
216. Courteous	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	1	8%	11	85%	3.77	13	0
217. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	1	8%	11	85%	3.77	13	0

218. Patient	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	1	8%	11	85%	3.77	13	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	5	8%	5	8%	55	85%	3.77	65	
4. Admin Performance													
219. Punctual in conducting proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	1	8%	11	85%	3.77	13	0
220. Maintained proper control of courtroom	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	12	92%	3.92	13	0
221. Was prepared for the proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	12	92%	3.92	13	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	3	8%	35	90%	3.87	39	



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	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
1. Integrity													
166. Exhibits professional conduct	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
167. Exhibits equal treatment to all	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
168. Exhibits fairness and impartiality	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
169. Exhibits personal 3	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
170. Exhibits conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and the judge's ability	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%	3.50	2	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	9	90%	3.90	10	
2. Communication													
171. Gives clear and logical oral 2s / directions	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
172. Listens effectively	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
173. Keeps everyone appropriately informed	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
174. Produces clear and logical written 2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
175. Responds in a timely manner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	10	100%	4.00	10	
3. Temperament													
176. Is patient	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
177. Is courteous	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
178. Is accessible	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0
179. Responds appropriately to the circumstance	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%	3.50	2	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	12%	7	88%	3.88	8	

4. Admin Performance														
180. Is well informed on all aspects of work	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
181. Is willing to make difficult decisions	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
182. Is punctual	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
183. Makes decisions in a timely manner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
184. Is resourceful in resolving problems	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%	3.50	2	0	
185. Exhibits impartiality in administrative decisions	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
186. Makes reasonable and prudent judicial assignments	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	4.00	1	0	
187. Exhibits impartiality in making judicial assignments	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	4.00	1	0	
188. Exhibits impartiality in allocation of resources	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%	3.50	2	0	
189. Provides for appropriate training for judges and staff	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
190. Asks for input before reaching decisions	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%	3.50	2	0	
191. Works diligently	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
192. Considers and implements change	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
193. Displays organizational 3	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	12%	23	88%	3.88	26		
5. Admin Skills														
194. Establishes a clear focus for projects for which he/she is responsible	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%	3.50	2	0	
195. Has the ability to identify and analyze relevant issues	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
196. Accurately assesses and attempts to secure the resources necessary for the effective functioning of the court system	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
197. Accepts and incorporates diversity	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
198. Coaches and develops others	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
199. Cooperates with peers	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
200. Cooperates with staff	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
201. Effectively delegates responsibility	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
202. Creates a cooperative environment	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	4.00	2	0	
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	6%	17	94%	3.94	18		