



JPR
ARIZONA JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

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Pima County Voters Only

Hon. Richard S. Fields

Pima County Superior Court

Bench: Civil

Appointed: 1997

**97% of the Commission Voted Judge Fields
MEETS Judicial Performance Standards**

31 Commissioners Voted 'Meets'

1 Commissioners Voted 'Does Not Meet'

Show Surveys from Prior Years

2016	Attorney Surveys	Juror Surveys	Litigant Witness Surveys
	Distributed: 231 Returned: 76 Score (See Footnote)	Distributed: 10 Returned: 9 Score (See Footnote)	Distributed: 144 Returned: 36 Score (See Footnote)
Legal Ability	94%	n/a	n/a
Integrity	98%	100%	100%
Communication	94%	100%	100%
Temperament	98%	100%	99%
Admin Performance	99%	100%	99%
Settlement Activities	91%	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.

20160106. Clear and logical oral communications and directions	0	0%	3	4%	8	11%	22	30%	41	55%	3.36	74	0
20160107. Clear and logical written decisions	1	2%	4	6%	10	16%	13	20%	36	56%	3.23	64	0
20160108. Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	0	0%	5	7%	4	5%	17	23%	49	65%	3.47	75	0
Category Total	1	0%	12	6%	22	10%	52	24%	126	59%	3.36	213	
4. Temperament													
20160109. Understanding and compassion	0	0%	1	1%	7	10%	23	32%	42	58%	3.45	73	0
20160110. Dignified	0	0%	0	0%	7	9%	19	25%	49	65%	3.56	75	0
20160111. Courteous	0	0%	0	0%	5	7%	19	25%	51	68%	3.61	75	0
20160112. Conduct that promoted public confidence in the court and judge's ability	2	3%	3	4%	3	4%	23	31%	44	59%	3.39	75	0
20160113. Patient	0	0%	0	0%	6	8%	21	28%	48	64%	3.56	75	0
Category Total	2	1%	4	1%	28	8%	105	28%	234	63%	3.51	373	
5. Admin Performance													
20160114. Punctual in conducting proceedings	0	0%	1	1%	8	11%	17	23%	48	65%	3.51	74	0
20160115. Maintained proper control over courtroom	0	0%	0	0%	5	7%	19	26%	50	68%	3.61	74	0
20160116. Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	0	0%	0	0%	7	10%	18	26%	45	64%	3.54	70	0
20160117. Was prepared for the proceedings	1	1%	2	3%	5	7%	16	22%	48	67%	3.50	72	0
20160118. Efficient management of the calendar	0	0%	0	0%	7	11%	16	25%	41	64%	3.53	64	0
Category Total	1	0%	3	1%	32	9%	86	24%	232	66%	3.54	354	
6. Settlement Activities													
20160119. Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	0	0%	3	9%	3	9%	13	37%	16	46%	3.20	35	0
Category Total	0	0%	3	9%	3	9%	13	37%	16	46%	3.20	35	



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2016 Juror Survey Responses

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

	UN		PO		SA		VG		SU		Mean	Total	No Resp
	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
1. Integrity													
20160057. Basic fairness and impartiality	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	33%	6	67%	3.67	9	0
20160058. Equal treatment regardless of race	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160059. Equal treatment regardless of gender	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160060. Equal treatment regardless of religion	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160061. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160062. Equal treatment regardless of disability	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160063. Equal treatment regardless of age	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160064. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160065. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	19	23%	62	77%	3.77	81	
2. Communication													
20160066. Explained proceedings to the jury	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160067. Explained reasons for delays	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160068. Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	22%	21	78%	3.78	27	
3. Temperament													
20160069. Understanding and Compassion	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0

20160070. Dignified	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160071. Courteous	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160072. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
20160073. Patient	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	10	22%	35	78%	3.78	45	
4. Admin Performance													
20160074. Punctuality in conducting proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	44%	5	56%	3.56	9	0
20160075. Maintained proper control of courtroom	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	11%	8	89%	3.89	9	0
20160076. Was prepared for the proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	7	78%	3.78	9	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	7	26%	20	74%	3.74	27	



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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													
20160038. Basic fairness and impartiality	0	0%	1	3%	2	6%	6	17%	27	75%	3.64	36	0
20160039. Equal treatment regardless of race	0	0%	0	0%	3	9%	4	13%	25	78%	3.69	32	0
20160040. Equal treatment regardless of gender	0	0%	0	0%	3	10%	3	10%	25	81%	3.71	31	0
20160041. Equal treatment regardless of religion	0	0%	0	0%	2	8%	2	8%	22	85%	3.77	26	0
20160042. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	3	11%	23	82%	3.75	28	0
20160043. Equal treatment regardless of disability	0	0%	0	0%	3	12%	3	12%	20	77%	3.65	26	0
20160044. Equal treatment regardless of age	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	4	13%	24	80%	3.73	30	0
20160045. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	0	0%	0	0%	2	8%	2	8%	21	84%	3.76	25	0
20160046. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	4	13%	24	80%	3.73	30	0
Category Total	0	0%	1	0%	21	8%	31	12%	211	80%	3.71	264	
2. Communication													
20160047. Explained proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	3	10%	3	10%	23	79%	3.69	29	0
20160048. Explained reasons for delays	0	0%	0	0%	2	10%	3	14%	16	76%	3.67	21	0
Category Total	0	0%	0	0%	5	10%	6	12%	39	78%	3.68	50	
3. Temperament													
20160049. Understanding and compassion	1	3%	0	0%	1	3%	4	12%	28	82%	3.71	34	0
20160050. Dignified	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	5	14%	29	81%	3.75	36	0
20160051. Courteous	0	0%	0	0%	3	8%	4	11%	29	81%	3.72	36	0

20160052. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	4	12%	29	85%	3.82	34	0
20160053. Patient	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	6	17%	28	78%	3.72	36	0
Category Total	1	1%	0	0%	9	5%	23	13%	143	81%	3.74	176	
4. Admin Performance													
20160054. Punctual in conducting proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	6	19%	24	75%	3.69	32	0
20160055. Maintained proper control of courtroom	0	0%	1	4%	1	4%	3	11%	23	82%	3.71	28	0
20160056. Was prepared for the proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	2	6%	27	87%	3.81	31	0
Category Total	0	0%	1	1%	5	5%	11	12%	74	81%	3.74	91	