



JPR
ARIZONA JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

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Maricopa County Voters Only

Hon. Karen L. O'Connor
Maricopa County Superior Court
Bench: Juvenile
Appointed: 2000

100% of the Commission Voted Judge O'Connor MEETS Judicial Performance Standards
27 Commissioners Voted 'Meets'
0 Commissioners Voted 'Does Not Meet'

Show Surveys from Prior Years

2018	Attorney Surveys Distributed: 87 Returned: 23 Score (See Footnote)	Juror Surveys Distributed: 0 Returned: 0 Score (See Footnote)	Litigant Witness Surveys Distributed: 433 Returned: 57 Score (See Footnote)
Legal Ability	89%	n/a	n/a
Integrity	93%	n/a	97%
Communication	90%	n/a	92%
Temperament	93%	n/a	94%
Admin Performance	90%	n/a	90%
Settlement Activities	93%	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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2018 Attorney 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. Legal Ability													
20180093. Legal reasoning ability	1	4%	2	9%	1	4%	6	26%	13	57%	3.22	23	0
20180094. Knowledge of substantive law	1	4%	2	9%	2	9%	7	30%	11	48%	3.09	23	0
20180095. Knowledge of rules of evidence	0	0%	2	10%	0	0%	6	29%	13	62%	3.43	21	0
20180096. Knowledge of rules of procedure	0	0%	2	9%	0	0%	6	27%	14	64%	3.45	22	0
Category Total	2	2%	8	9%	3	3%	25	28%	51	57%	3.29	89	
2. Integrity													
20180097. Basic fairness and impartiality	1	4%	2	9%	4	17%	4	17%	12	52%	3.04	23	0
20180098. Equal treatment regardless of race	0	0%	2	9%	1	4%	6	26%	14	61%	3.39	23	0
20180099. Equal treatment regardless of gender	0	0%	1	4%	2	9%	5	22%	15	65%	3.48	23	0
20180100. Equal treatment regardless of religion	0	0%	1	5%	1	5%	5	24%	14	67%	3.52	21	0
20180101. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0	0%	2	9%	1	5%	5	23%	14	64%	3.41	22	0
20180102. Equal treatment regardless of disability	0	0%	1	5%	1	5%	5	24%	14	67%	3.52	21	0
20180103. Equal treatment regardless of age	0	0%	1	5%	1	5%	6	27%	14	64%	3.50	22	0

20180104. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	0	0%	1	5%	1	5%	5	24%	14	67%	3.52	21	0
20180105. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	0	0%	1	5%	1	5%	5	24%	14	67%	3.52	21	0
Category Total	1	1%	12	6%	13	7%	46	23%	125	63%	3.43	197	
3. Communication													
20180106. Clear and logical oral communications and directions	0	0%	2	9%	2	9%	6	26%	13	57%	3.30	23	0
20180107. Clear and logical written decisions	1	4%	2	9%	1	4%	4	17%	15	65%	3.30	23	0
20180108. Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	1	4%	1	4%	1	4%	8	35%	12	52%	3.26	23	0
Category Total	2	3%	5	7%	4	6%	18	26%	40	58%	3.29	69	
4. Temperament													
20180109. Understanding and compassion	0	0%	1	4%	2	9%	5	22%	15	65%	3.48	23	0
20180110. Dignified	0	0%	2	9%	1	4%	6	26%	14	61%	3.39	23	0
20180111. Courteous	0	0%	1	4%	2	9%	5	22%	15	65%	3.48	23	0
20180112. Conduct that promoted public confidence in the court and judge's ability	1	4%	2	9%	0	0%	6	26%	14	61%	3.30	23	0
20180113. Patient	0	0%	1	4%	2	9%	5	22%	15	65%	3.48	23	0
Category Total	1	1%	7	6%	7	6%	27	23%	73	63%	3.43	115	
5. Admin Performance													
20180114. Punctual in conducting proceedings	1	4%	2	9%	6	26%	5	22%	9	39%	2.83	23	0
20180115. Maintained proper control over courtroom	1	4%	1	4%	4	17%	6	26%	11	48%	3.09	23	0
20180116. Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	0	0%	1	5%	1	5%	8	36%	12	55%	3.41	22	0
20180117. Was prepared for the proceedings	0	0%	2	9%	1	4%	5	22%	15	65%	3.43	23	0
20180118. Efficient management of the calendar	1	4%	2	9%	4	17%	5	22%	11	48%	3.00	23	0
Category Total	3	3%	8	7%	16	14%	29	25%	58	51%	3.15	114	
6. Settlement Activities													
20180119. Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	0	0%	1	7%	0	0%	5	36%	8	57%	3.43	14	0
Category Total	0	0%	1	7%	0	0%	5	36%	8	57%	3.43	14	



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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													
20180038. Basic fairness and impartiality	2	4%	2	4%	5	9%	20	35%	28	49%	3.23	57	0
20180039. Equal treatment regardless of race	0	0%	2	4%	5	9%	21	38%	27	49%	3.33	55	0
20180040. Equal treatment regardless of gender	1	2%	0	0%	6	11%	19	35%	28	52%	3.35	54	0
20180041. Equal treatment regardless of religion	0	0%	0	0%	7	14%	17	35%	25	51%	3.37	49	0
20180042. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0	0%	1	2%	6	11%	19	36%	27	51%	3.36	53	0
20180043. Equal treatment regardless of disability	1	2%	0	0%	7	13%	18	34%	27	51%	3.32	53	0
20180044. Equal treatment regardless of age	1	2%	0	0%	7	13%	18	34%	27	51%	3.32	53	0
20180045. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	1	2%	0	0%	6	13%	17	35%	24	50%	3.31	48	0
20180046. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	1	2%	1	2%	5	10%	16	32%	27	54%	3.34	50	0
Category Total	7	1%	6	1%	54	11%	165	35%	240	51%	3.32	472	
2. Communication													
20180047. Explained proceedings	1	2%	0	0%	7	13%	20	37%	26	48%	3.30	54	0
20180048. Explained reasons for delays	4	8%	3	6%	5	10%	18	35%	21	41%	2.96	51	0

Category Total	5	5%	3	3%	12	11%	38	36%	47	45%	3.13	105	
3. Temperament													
20180049. Understanding and compassion	2	4%	2	4%	7	12%	19	33%	27	47%	3.18	57	0
20180050. Dignified	1	2%	1	2%	5	9%	19	34%	30	54%	3.36	56	0
20180051. Courteous	2	4%	1	2%	5	9%	18	32%	31	54%	3.32	57	0
20180052. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	2	4%	1	2%	7	12%	18	32%	29	51%	3.25	57	0
20180053. Patient	2	4%	2	4%	5	9%	17	30%	31	54%	3.28	57	0
Category Total	9	3%	7	2%	29	10%	91	32%	148	52%	3.27	284	
4. Admin Performance													
20180054. Punctual in conducting proceedings	6	11%	7	13%	10	18%	12	21%	21	38%	2.62	56	0
20180055. Maintained proper control of courtroom	1	2%	0	0%	7	13%	16	29%	32	57%	3.39	56	0
20180056. Was prepared for the proceedings	1	2%	2	4%	5	9%	16	29%	32	57%	3.36	56	0
Category Total	8	5%	9	5%	22	13%	44	26%	85	51%	3.12	168	