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Maricopa County Voters Only

Hon. Michael W. Kemp
Maricopa County Superior Court
Bench: Criminal
Appointed: 2005

100% of the Commission Voted Judge Kemp MEETS Judicial Performance Standards
33 Commissioners Voted 'Meets'
0 Commissioners Voted 'Does Not Meet'

Show Surveys from Prior Years

2020	Attorney Surveys Distributed: 328 Returned: 52 Score (See Footnote)	Juror Surveys Distributed: 21 Returned: 2 Score (See Footnote)	Litigant Witness Surveys Distributed: 53 Returned: 11 Score (See Footnote)
Legal Ability	100%	n/a	n/a
Integrity	98%	100%	100%
Communication	96%	100%	92%
Temperament	96%	100%	96%
Admin Performance	98%	100%	100%
Settlement Activities	100%	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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2020 Attorney Survey Responses

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	SU		VG		SA		PO		UN		Mean	Total	No Resp
	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
1. Legal Ability													
1. Legal reasoning ability	33	70%	9	19%	5	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.60	47	0
2. Knowledge of substantive law	33	72%	10	22%	3	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.65	46	0
3. Knowledge of rules of evidence	32	70%	11	24%	3	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.63	46	0
4. Knowledge of rules of procedure	32	70%	11	24%	3	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.63	46	0
Category Total	130	70%	41	22%	14	8%	0	0%	0	0%	3.63	185	
2. Integrity													
5. Basic fairness and impartiality	31	61%	13	25%	6	12%	1	2%	0	0%	3.45	51	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of race	33	66%	11	22%	4	8%	2	4%	0	0%	3.50	50	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of gender	33	66%	11	22%	5	10%	1	2%	0	0%	3.52	50	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of religion	32	68%	10	21%	5	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.57	47	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	32	68%	10	21%	4	9%	1	2%	0	0%	3.55	47	0
10. Equal treatment regardless of disability	32	68%	10	21%	5	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.57	47	0
11. Equal treatment regardless of age	32	67%	11	23%	5	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.56	48	0

12. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	32	68%	10	21%	5	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.57	47	0
13. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	32	65%	11	22%	4	8%	2	4%	0	0%	3.49	49	0
Category Total	289	66%	97	22%	43	10%	7	2%	0	0%	3.53	436	
3. Communication													
14. Clear and logical oral communications and directions	36	71%	9	18%	5	10%	1	2%	0	0%	3.57	51	0
15. Clear and logical written decisions	30	67%	10	22%	3	7%	2	4%	0	0%	3.51	45	0
16. Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	36	71%	11	22%	1	2%	3	6%	0	0%	3.57	51	0
Category Total	102	69%	30	20%	9	6%	6	4%	0	0%	3.55	147	
4. Temperament													
17. Understanding and compassion	32	63%	12	24%	4	8%	2	4%	1	2%	3.41	51	0
18. Dignified	35	69%	11	22%	5	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.59	51	0
19. Courteous	34	67%	11	22%	4	8%	2	4%	0	0%	3.51	51	0
20. Conduct that promoted public confidence in the court and judge's ability	34	68%	11	22%	3	6%	2	4%	0	0%	3.54	50	0
21. Patient	32	63%	11	22%	5	10%	2	4%	1	2%	3.39	51	0
Category Total	167	66%	56	22%	21	8%	8	3%	2	1%	3.49	254	
5. Admin Performance													
22. Punctual in conducting proceedings	36	72%	11	22%	2	4%	1	2%	0	0%	3.64	50	0
23. Maintained proper control over courtroom	37	73%	11	22%	2	4%	1	2%	0	0%	3.65	51	0
24. Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	35	70%	12	24%	2	4%	1	2%	0	0%	3.62	50	0
25. Was prepared for the proceedings	36	71%	11	22%	2	4%	2	4%	0	0%	3.59	51	0
26. Efficient management of the calendar	36	71%	11	22%	3	6%	1	2%	0	0%	3.61	51	0
Category Total	180	71%	56	22%	11	4%	6	2%	0	0%	3.62	253	
6. Settlement Activities													
27. Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	22	67%	8	24%	3	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.58	33	0
Category Total	22	67%	8	24%	3	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.58	33	



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	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
1. Integrity													
1. Basic fairness and impartiality	5	63%	2	25%	1	13%	0	0%	0	0%	3.50	8	0
2. Equal treatment regardless of race	4	57%	3	43%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.57	7	0
3. Equal treatment regardless of gender	4	50%	3	38%	1	13%	0	0%	0	0%	3.38	8	0
4. Equal treatment regardless of religion	5	83%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	6	0
5. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	4	80%	1	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	5	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of disability	3	60%	1	20%	1	20%	0	0%	0	0%	3.40	5	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of age	4	57%	2	29%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	3.43	7	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	3	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	3	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	4	0
Category Total	36	68%	13	25%	4	8%	0	0%	0	0%	3.60	53	
2. Communication													
10. Explained proceedings	3	43%	2	29%	1	14%	1	14%	0	0%	3.00	7	0
11. Explained reasons for delays	4	67%	1	17%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	3.50	6	0
Category Total	7	54%	3	23%	2	15%	1	8%	0	0%	3.23	13	

3. Temperament													
12. Understanding and compassion	6	75%	2	25%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.75	8	0
13. Dignified	7	70%	2	20%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.60	10	0
14. Courteous	8	73%	2	18%	0	0%	1	9%	0	0%	3.55	11	0
15. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	7	70%	2	20%	0	0%	1	10%	0	0%	3.50	10	0
16. Patient	8	80%	1	10%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.70	10	0
Category Total	36	73%	9	18%	2	4%	2	4%	0	0%	3.61	49	
4. Admin Performance													
17. Punctual in conducting proceedings	6	67%	2	22%	1	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.56	9	0
18. Maintained proper control of courtroom	7	70%	2	20%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.60	10	0
19. Was prepared for the proceedings	7	70%	2	20%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.60	10	0
Category Total	20	69%	6	21%	3	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.59	29	



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	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
1. Integrity													
1. Basic fairness and impartiality	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
2. Equal treatment regardless of race	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
3. Equal treatment regardless of gender	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
4. Equal treatment regardless of religion	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
5. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of disability	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of age	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
Category Total	18	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	18	
2. Communication													
10. Explained proceedings to the jury	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
11. Explained reasons for delays	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0

12. Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
Category Total	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	
3. Temperament													
13. Understanding and Compassion	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
14. Dignified	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
15. Courteous	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
16. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
17. Patient	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
Category Total	10	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	10	
4. Admin Performance													
18. Punctuality in conducting proceedings	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
19. Maintained proper control of courtroom	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
20. Was prepared for the proceedings	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
Category Total	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	