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Pima County Voters Only

Hon. Deborah Bernini
Pima County Superior Court
Bench: Criminal
Appointed: 1997

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

Show Surveys from Prior Years

2020	Attorney Surveys Distributed: 213 Returned: 71 Score (See Footnote)	Juror Surveys Distributed: 65 Returned: 37 Score (See Footnote)	Litigant Witness Surveys Distributed: 80 Returned: 7 Score (See Footnote)
Legal Ability	99%	n/a	n/a
Integrity	99%	100%	100%
Communication	97%	100%	100%
Temperament	91%	100%	100%
Admin Performance	100%	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	42	61%	21	30%	4	6%	2	3%	0	0%	3.49	69	0
2. Knowledge of substantive law	43	63%	20	29%	4	6%	1	1%	0	0%	3.54	68	0
3. Knowledge of rules of evidence	47	69%	16	24%	5	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.62	68	0
4. Knowledge of rules of procedure	46	67%	18	26%	5	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.59	69	0
Category Total	178	65%	75	27%	18	7%	3	1%	0	0%	3.56	274	
2. Integrity													
5. Basic fairness and impartiality	41	58%	19	27%	6	8%	4	6%	1	1%	3.34	71	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of race	45	65%	18	26%	6	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.57	69	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of gender	43	62%	18	26%	7	10%	1	1%	0	0%	3.49	69	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of religion	41	68%	15	25%	4	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.62	60	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	43	66%	17	26%	5	8%	0	0%	0	0%	3.58	65	0
10. Equal treatment regardless of disability	42	66%	18	28%	4	6%	0	0%	0	0%	3.59	64	0
11. Equal treatment regardless of age	42	62%	20	29%	5	7%	0	0%	1	1%	3.50	68	0

12. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	44	69%	16	25%	4	6%	0	0%	0	0%	3.62	64	0
13. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	45	66%	18	26%	5	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.59	68	0
Category Total	386	65%	159	27%	46	8%	5	1%	2	0%	3.54	598	
3. Communication													
14. Clear and logical oral communications and directions	44	63%	19	27%	6	9%	1	1%	0	0%	3.51	70	0
15. Clear and logical written decisions	31	60%	16	31%	4	8%	1	2%	0	0%	3.48	52	0
16. Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	41	58%	19	27%	8	11%	3	4%	0	0%	3.38	71	0
Category Total	116	60%	54	28%	18	9%	5	3%	0	0%	3.46	193	
4. Temperament													
17. Understanding and compassion	37	53%	26	37%	4	6%	2	3%	1	1%	3.37	70	0
18. Dignified	47	66%	14	20%	6	8%	2	3%	2	3%	3.44	71	0
19. Courteous	37	54%	17	25%	6	9%	6	9%	3	4%	3.14	69	0
20. Conduct that promoted public confidence in the court and judge's ability	45	63%	14	20%	9	13%	1	1%	2	3%	3.39	71	0
21. Patient	29	41%	16	23%	15	21%	9	13%	2	3%	2.86	71	0
Category Total	195	55%	87	25%	40	11%	20	6%	10	3%	3.24	352	
5. Admin Performance													
22. Punctual in conducting proceedings	50	70%	16	23%	4	6%	1	1%	0	0%	3.62	71	0
23. Maintained proper control over courtroom	49	69%	18	25%	4	6%	0	0%	0	0%	3.63	71	0
24. Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	46	69%	17	25%	4	6%	0	0%	0	0%	3.63	67	0
25. Was prepared for the proceedings	48	68%	19	27%	4	6%	0	0%	0	0%	3.62	71	0
26. Efficient management of the calendar	51	72%	17	24%	3	4%	0	0%	0	0%	3.68	71	0
Category Total	244	70%	87	25%	19	5%	1	0%	0	0%	3.64	351	
6. Settlement Activities													
27. Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	19	68%	6	21%	3	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.57	28	0
Category Total	19	68%	6	21%	3	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.57	28	



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	SU		VG		SA		PO		UN		Mean	Total	No Resp
	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
1. Integrity													
1. Basic fairness and impartiality	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.86	7	0
2. Equal treatment regardless of race	5	71%	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.71	7	0
3. Equal treatment regardless of gender	5	71%	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.71	7	0
4. Equal treatment regardless of religion	5	71%	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.71	7	0
5. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	5	71%	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.71	7	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of disability	5	71%	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.71	7	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of age	5	71%	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.71	7	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	5	71%	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.71	7	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	5	71%	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.71	7	0
Category Total	46	73%	17	27%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.73	63	
2. Communication													
10. Explained proceedings	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
11. Explained reasons for delays	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	5	0
Category Total	11	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	11	

3. Temperament													
12. Understanding and compassion	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.86	7	0
13. Dignified	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.86	7	0
14. Courteous	5	71%	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.71	7	0
15. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.86	7	0
16. Patient	4	67%	2	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	6	0
Category Total	27	79%	7	21%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.79	34	
4. Admin Performance													
17. Punctual in conducting proceedings	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.86	7	0
18. Maintained proper control of courtroom	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.86	7	0
19. Was prepared for the proceedings	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.86	7	0
Category Total	18	86%	3	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.86	21	



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	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
1. Integrity													
1. Basic fairness and impartiality	36	97%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.97	37	0
2. Equal treatment regardless of race	37	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	37	0
3. Equal treatment regardless of gender	36	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	36	0
4. Equal treatment regardless of religion	35	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	35	0
5. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	37	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	37	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of disability	34	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	34	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of age	37	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	37	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	34	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	34	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	37	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	37	0
Category Total	323	100%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	324	
2. Communication													
10. Explained proceedings to the jury	36	97%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.97	37	0
11. Explained reasons for delays	35	97%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.97	36	0

12. Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities	37	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	37	0
Category Total	108	98%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.98	110	
3. Temperament													
13. Understanding and Compassion	36	97%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.97	37	0
14. Dignified	37	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	37	0
15. Courteous	37	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	37	0
16. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	37	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	37	0
17. Patient	37	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	37	0
Category Total	184	99%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.99	185	
4. Admin Performance													
18. Punctuality in conducting proceedings	36	97%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.97	37	0
19. Maintained proper control of courtroom	37	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	37	0
20. Was prepared for the proceedings	37	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	37	0
Category Total	110	99%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.99	111	

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