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Maricopa County Voters Only

Hon. James B. Morse Jr.
Court of Appeals Division I
Appointed: 2017

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

Show Surveys from Prior Years

2020	Attorney Surveys	Superior Court Judge Surveys
	Distributed: 296 Returned: 39 Score (See Footnote)	Distributed: 73 Returned: 30 Score (See Footnote)
Legal Ability	100%	88%
Integrity	100%	100%
Communication	93%	n/a
Temperament	97%	n/a
Admin Performance	100%	96%

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

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

	SU		VG		SA		PO		UN		Mean	Total
	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.		
1. Legal Ability												
1. Legal reasoning ability	14	61%	7	30%	2	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.52	23
2. Knowledge of law	13	57%	8	35%	2	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.48	23
3. Decisions based on laws and facts	14	61%	7	30%	2	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.52	23
4. Clearly written, legally supported decisions	13	59%	7	32%	2	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.50	22
Category Total	54	59%	29	32%	8	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.51	91
2. Integrity												
5. Basic fairness and impartiality	15	79%	3	16%	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	3.74	19
6. Equal treatment regardless of race	9	90%	0	0%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	10
7. Equal treatment regardless of gender	10	83%	1	8%	1	8%	0	0%	0	0%	3.75	12
8. Equal treatment regardless of religion	8	89%	0	0%	1	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.78	9
9. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	9	90%	0	0%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	10
10. Equal treatment regardless of disability	8	89%	0	0%	1	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.78	9
11. Equal treatment regardless of age	9	90%	0	0%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	10
12. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	9	90%	0	0%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	10
13. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	11	92%	0	0%	1	8%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	12
Category Total	88	87%	4	4%	9	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.78	101

3. Communication													
14. Attentiveness	11	58%	5	26%	2	11%	1	5%	0	0%	3.37	19	
15. Deameanor in communications with counsel	11	65%	3	18%	1	6%	2	12%	0	0%	3.35	17	
16. Appropriate restrictions on counsel during argument	1	50%	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.50	2	
17. Relevant questions	12	63%	5	26%	1	5%	1	5%	0	0%	3.47	19	
18. Preparation for oral argument	10	59%	5	29%	1	6%	1	6%	0	0%	3.41	17	
Category Total	45	61%	19	26%	5	7%	5	7%	0	0%	3.41	74	
4. Temperament													
19. Dignified	11	65%	3	18%	3	18%	0	0%	0	0%	3.47	17	
21. Courteous	11	65%	3	18%	2	12%	1	6%	0	0%	3.41	17	
22. Patient	11	69%	3	19%	2	13%	0	0%	0	0%	3.56	16	
23. Conduct that promotes confidence in the court and judge's ability	11	65%	4	24%	1	6%	0	0%	1	6%	3.41	17	
Category Total	44	66%	13	19%	8	12%	1	1%	1	1%	3.46	67	
5. Admin Performance													
24. Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	16	70%	5	22%	2	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.61	23	
Category Total	16	70%	5	22%	2	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.61	23	



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2020 Superior Court Judge 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	12	46%	6	23%	5	19%	2	8%	1	4%	3.00	26	0
2. Knowledge of the law	12	46%	6	23%	5	19%	2	8%	1	4%	3.00	26	0
3. Decisions based on law and facts	12	46%	6	23%	5	19%	2	8%	1	4%	3.00	26	0
4. Clearly written, legally supported decisions	12	46%	6	23%	5	19%	2	8%	1	4%	3.00	26	0
Category Total	48	46%	24	23%	20	19%	8	8%	4	4%	3.00	104	
2. Integrity													
5. Basic fairness and impartiality	11	61%	2	11%	5	28%	0	0%	0	0%	3.33	18	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of race	7	64%	2	18%	2	18%	0	0%	0	0%	3.45	11	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of gender	8	73%	1	9%	2	18%	0	0%	0	0%	3.55	11	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of religion	7	70%	1	10%	2	20%	0	0%	0	0%	3.50	10	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	7	64%	2	18%	2	18%	0	0%	0	0%	3.45	11	0
10. Equal treatment regardless of disability	7	70%	1	10%	2	20%	0	0%	0	0%	3.50	10	0
11. Equal treatment regardless of age	7	70%	1	10%	2	20%	0	0%	0	0%	3.50	10	0
12. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	7	70%	1	10%	2	20%	0	0%	0	0%	3.50	10	0

13. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	8	73%	1	9%	2	18%	0	0%	0	0%	3.55	11	0
Category Total	69	68%	12	12%	21	21%	0	0%	0	0%	3.47	102	
3. Admin Performance													
14. Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	12	48%	5	20%	7	28%	1	4%	0	0%	3.12	25	0
Category Total	12	48%	5	20%	7	28%	1	4%	0	0%	3.12	25	