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### Maricopa County Voters Only

**Hon. Adele Ponce**

Maricopa County Superior Court

Bench: Family

Appointed: 2018

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

Show Surveys from Prior Years

2020	<b>Attorney Surveys</b> Distributed: 153 Returned: 22 <b>Score (See Footnote)</b>	<b>Juror Surveys</b> Distributed: 0 Returned: 0 <b>Score (See Footnote)</b>	<b>Litigant Witness Surveys</b> Distributed: 286 Returned: 30 <b>Score (See Footnote)</b>
Legal Ability	81%	n/a	n/a
Integrity	97%	n/a	99%
Communication	83%	n/a	96%
Temperament	95%	n/a	98%
Admin Performance	93%	n/a	98%
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.



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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	No Resp
	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
<b>1. Legal Ability</b>													
1. Legal reasoning ability	7	35%	4	20%	4	20%	3	15%	2	10%	2.55	20	0
2. Knowledge of substantive law	6	30%	4	20%	6	30%	2	10%	2	10%	2.50	20	0
3. Knowledge of rules of evidence	8	50%	2	13%	4	25%	1	6%	1	6%	2.94	16	0
4. Knowledge of rules of procedure	8	38%	6	29%	3	14%	3	14%	1	5%	2.81	21	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2.69</b>	<b>77</b>	
<b>2. Integrity</b>													
5. Basic fairness and impartiality	8	44%	4	22%	5	28%	1	6%	0	0%	3.06	18	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of race	7	50%	3	21%	4	29%	0	0%	0	0%	3.21	14	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of gender	9	50%	3	17%	3	17%	3	17%	0	0%	3.00	18	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of religion	6	50%	2	17%	4	33%	0	0%	0	0%	3.17	12	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	6	46%	3	23%	4	31%	0	0%	0	0%	3.15	13	0
10. Equal treatment regardless of disability	6	50%	2	17%	4	33%	0	0%	0	0%	3.17	12	0
11. Equal treatment regardless of age	6	50%	2	17%	4	33%	0	0%	0	0%	3.17	12	0

12. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	6	50%	2	17%	4	33%	0	0%	0	0%	3.17	12	0
13. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	7	50%	3	21%	4	29%	0	0%	0	0%	3.21	14	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.14</b>	<b>125</b>	
<b>3. Communication</b>													
14. Clear and logical oral communications and directions	10	50%	3	15%	5	25%	0	0%	2	10%	2.95	20	0
15. Clear and logical written decisions	8	42%	2	11%	5	26%	3	16%	1	5%	2.68	19	0
16. Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	9	47%	3	16%	3	16%	1	5%	3	16%	2.74	19	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>58</b>	
<b>4. Temperament</b>													
17. Understanding and compassion	7	39%	3	17%	8	44%	0	0%	0	0%	2.94	18	0
18. Dignified	11	58%	1	5%	7	37%	0	0%	0	0%	3.21	19	0
19. Courteous	12	63%	1	5%	5	26%	1	5%	0	0%	3.26	19	0
20. Conduct that promoted public confidence in the court and judge's ability	9	47%	2	11%	6	32%	1	5%	1	5%	2.89	19	0
21. Patient	9	50%	2	11%	5	28%	2	11%	0	0%	3.00	18	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.06</b>	<b>93</b>	
<b>5. Admin Performance</b>													
22. Punctual in conducting proceedings	11	58%	3	16%	5	26%	0	0%	0	0%	3.32	19	0
23. Maintained proper control over courtroom	10	53%	3	16%	5	26%	1	5%	0	0%	3.16	19	0
24. Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	7	41%	1	6%	6	35%	2	12%	1	6%	2.65	17	0
25. Was prepared for the proceedings	10	53%	3	16%	5	26%	1	5%	0	0%	3.16	19	0
26. Efficient management of the calendar	7	44%	3	19%	5	31%	1	6%	0	0%	3.00	16	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.07</b>	<b>90</b>	
<b>6. Settlement Activities</b>													
27. Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	5	45%	2	18%	3	27%	1	9%	0	0%	3.00	11	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>11</b>	



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<b>1. Integrity</b>													
1. Basic fairness and impartiality	22	76%	4	14%	3	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.66	29	0
2. Equal treatment regardless of race	24	89%	1	4%	2	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.81	27	0
3. Equal treatment regardless of gender	23	79%	2	7%	2	7%	2	7%	0	0%	3.59	29	0
4. Equal treatment regardless of religion	24	89%	1	4%	2	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.81	27	0
5. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	24	89%	1	4%	2	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.81	27	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of disability	23	92%	0	0%	2	8%	0	0%	0	0%	3.84	25	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of age	23	82%	3	11%	2	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.75	28	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	22	92%	0	0%	2	8%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	24	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	19	76%	4	16%	1	4%	1	4%	0	0%	3.64	25	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>241</b>	
<b>2. Communication</b>													
10. Explained proceedings	23	77%	3	10%	3	10%	1	3%	0	0%	3.60	30	0
11. Explained reasons for delays	19	79%	2	8%	2	8%	0	0%	1	4%	3.58	24	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3.59</b>	<b>54</b>	

<b>3. Temperament</b>													
12. Understanding and compassion	21	70%	1	3%	6	20%	2	7%	0	0%	3.37	30	0
13. Dignified	20	71%	4	14%	4	14%	0	0%	0	0%	3.57	28	0
14. Courteous	20	67%	2	7%	8	27%	0	0%	0	0%	3.40	30	0
15. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	22	73%	2	7%	5	17%	1	3%	0	0%	3.50	30	0
16. Patient	23	79%	2	7%	4	14%	0	0%	0	0%	3.66	29	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>147</b>	
<b>4. Admin Performance</b>													
17. Punctual in conducting proceedings	21	70%	6	20%	3	10%	0	0%	0	0%	3.60	30	0
18. Maintained proper control of courtroom	24	83%	3	10%	2	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.76	29	0
19. Was prepared for the proceedings	22	73%	4	13%	2	7%	0	0%	2	7%	3.47	30	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3.61</b>	<b>89</b>	