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### Maricopa County Voters Only

**Hon. Connie Contes**  
Maricopa County Superior Court  
Bench: Civil  
Appointed: 2002

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

Show Surveys from Prior Years

2020	Attorney Surveys Distributed: 171 Returned: 36 Score (See Footnote)	Juror Surveys Distributed: 20 Returned: 6 Score (See Footnote)	Litigant Witness Surveys Distributed: 22 Returned: 4 Score (See Footnote)
Legal Ability	95%	n/a	n/a
Integrity	100%	100%	100%
Communication	96%	100%	100%
Temperament	98%	100%	100%
Admin Performance	96%	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.			
<b>1. Legal Ability</b>													
1. Legal reasoning ability	15	48%	7	23%	7	23%	1	3%	1	3%	3.10	31	0
2. Knowledge of substantive law	13	43%	8	27%	7	23%	1	3%	1	3%	3.03	30	0
3. Knowledge of rules of evidence	13	45%	8	28%	7	24%	1	3%	0	0%	3.14	29	0
4. Knowledge of rules of procedure	14	45%	10	32%	6	19%	1	3%	0	0%	3.19	31	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3.12</b>	<b>121</b>	
<b>2. Integrity</b>													
5. Basic fairness and impartiality	20	59%	8	24%	6	18%	0	0%	0	0%	3.41	34	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of race	11	69%	4	25%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%	3.62	16	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of gender	9	60%	4	27%	2	13%	0	0%	0	0%	3.47	15	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of religion	8	73%	2	18%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	3.64	11	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	9	75%	2	17%	1	8%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	12	0
10. Equal treatment regardless of disability	12	80%	2	13%	1	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.73	15	0
11. Equal treatment regardless of age	14	78%	3	17%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%	3.72	18	0

12. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	6	67%	2	22%	1	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.56	9	0
13. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	9	64%	4	29%	1	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.57	14	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>144</b>	
<b>3. Communication</b>													
14. Clear and logical oral communications and directions	18	53%	7	21%	7	21%	2	6%	0	0%	3.21	34	0
15. Clear and logical written decisions	14	48%	7	24%	6	21%	2	7%	0	0%	3.14	29	0
16. Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	21	62%	7	21%	6	18%	0	0%	0	0%	3.44	34	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.27</b>	<b>97</b>	
<b>4. Temperament</b>													
17. Understanding and compassion	15	47%	10	31%	6	19%	1	3%	0	0%	3.22	32	0
18. Dignified	18	53%	10	29%	6	18%	0	0%	0	0%	3.35	34	0
19. Courteous	20	59%	9	26%	5	15%	0	0%	0	0%	3.44	34	0
20. Conduct that promoted public confidence in the court and judge's ability	20	59%	8	24%	4	12%	2	6%	0	0%	3.35	34	0
21. Patient	21	62%	6	18%	7	21%	0	0%	0	0%	3.41	34	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.36</b>	<b>168</b>	
<b>5. Admin Performance</b>													
22. Punctual in conducting proceedings	18	53%	12	35%	3	9%	1	3%	0	0%	3.38	34	0
23. Maintained proper control over courtroom	18	55%	8	24%	6	18%	1	3%	0	0%	3.30	33	0
24. Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	15	45%	9	27%	5	15%	3	9%	1	3%	3.03	33	0
25. Was prepared for the proceedings	17	50%	9	26%	8	24%	0	0%	0	0%	3.26	34	0
26. Efficient management of the calendar	17	53%	10	31%	4	13%	1	3%	0	0%	3.34	32	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.27</b>	<b>166</b>	
<b>6. Settlement Activities</b>													
27. Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	5	45%	4	36%	2	18%	0	0%	0	0%	3.27	11	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.27</b>	<b>11</b>	



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	SU		VG		SA		PO		UN		Mean	Total	No Resp
	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
<b>1. Integrity</b>													
1. Basic fairness and impartiality	3	75%	1	25%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.75	4	0
2. Equal treatment regardless of race	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	3	0
3. Equal treatment regardless of gender	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	3	0
4. Equal treatment regardless of religion	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	3	0
5. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	3	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of disability	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	3	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of age	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	3	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	2	67%	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	3	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	3	75%	1	25%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.75	4	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>2. Communication</b>													
10. Explained proceedings	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	4	0
11. Explained reasons for delays	2	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	2	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>6</b>	

<b>3. Temperament</b>														
12. Understanding and compassion	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	4	0	
13. Dignified	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	4	0	
14. Courteous	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	4	0	
15. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	4	0	
16. Patient	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	4	0	
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>20</b>		
<b>4. Admin Performance</b>														
17. Punctual in conducting proceedings	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	4	0	
18. Maintained proper control of courtroom	4	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	4	0	
19. Was prepared for the proceedings	3	75%	1	25%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.75	4	0	
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.92</b>	<b>12</b>		



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	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.	Num.	Pct.			
<b>1. Integrity</b>													
1. Basic fairness and impartiality	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
2. Equal treatment regardless of race	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
3. Equal treatment regardless of gender	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
4. Equal treatment regardless of religion	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
5. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of disability	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of age	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>54</b>	
<b>2. Communication</b>													
10. Explained proceedings to the jury	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
11. Explained reasons for delays	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0

12. Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>3. Temperament</b>													
13. Understanding and Compassion	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
14. Dignified	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
15. Courteous	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
16. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
17. Patient	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>4. Admin Performance</b>													
18. Punctuality in conducting proceedings	4	67%	1	17%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	3.50	6	0
19. Maintained proper control of courtroom	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
20. Was prepared for the proceedings	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.83</b>	<b>18</b>	