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Maricopa County Voters Only

Hon. David B. Gass
Court of Appeals Division I
Appointed: 2019

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

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2022	Attorney Surveys	Peer Judge Surveys	Superior Court Judge Surveys
	Distributed: 352 Returned: 39 Score (See Footnote)	Distributed: 15 Returned: 11 Score (See Footnote)	Distributed: 68 Returned: 25 Score (See Footnote)
Legal Ability	87%	100%	100%
Integrity	95%	99%	100%
Communication	89%	100%	n/a
Temperament	90%	100%	n/a
Admin Performance	96%	100%	100%

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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2022 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	13	46%	7	25%	4	14%	1	4%	3	11%	2.93	28
2. Knowledge of law	15	54%	6	21%	3	11%	1	4%	3	11%	3.04	28
3. Decisions based on laws and facts	18	64%	2	7%	4	14%	1	4%	3	11%	3.11	28
4. Clearly written, legally supported decisions	15	54%	5	18%	5	18%	0	0%	3	11%	3.04	28
Category Total	61	54%	20	18%	16	14%	3	3%	12	11%	3.03	112
2. Integrity												
5. Basic fairness and impartiality	15	60%	2	8%	4	16%	3	12%	1	4%	3.08	25
6. Equal treatment regardless of race	9	82%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	1	9%	3.55	11
7. Equal treatment regardless of gender	11	79%	1	7%	1	7%	0	0%	1	7%	3.50	14
8. Equal treatment regardless of religion	9	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	9
9. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	9	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	9
10. Equal treatment regardless of disability	8	80%	2	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	10
11. Equal treatment regardless of age	13	87%	1	7%	1	7%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	15
12. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	8	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	8

13. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	13	93%	1	7%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.93	14
Category Total	95	83%	8	7%	6	5%	3	3%	3	3%	3.64	115
3. Communication												
14. Attentiveness	13	81%	1	6%	0	0%	2	13%	0	0%	3.56	16
15. Deemeanor in communications with counsel	10	77%	2	15%	0	0%	1	8%	0	0%	3.62	13
16. Appropriate restrictions on counsel during argument	3	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	3
17. Relevant questions	13	81%	1	6%	0	0%	2	13%	0	0%	3.56	16
18. Preparation for oral argument	9	69%	2	15%	0	0%	2	15%	0	0%	3.38	13
Category Total	48	79%	6	10%	0	0%	7	11%	0	0%	3.56	61
4. Temperament												
19. Dignified	11	85%	1	8%	0	0%	1	8%	0	0%	3.69	13
21. Courteous	11	85%	1	8%	0	0%	1	8%	0	0%	3.69	13
22. Patient	11	85%	1	8%	0	0%	1	8%	0	0%	3.69	13
23. Conduct that promotes confidence in the court and judge's ability	11	85%	0	0%	0	0%	2	15%	0	0%	3.54	13
Category Total	44	85%	3	6%	0	0%	5	10%	0	0%	3.65	52
5. Admin Performance												
24. Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	15	58%	6	23%	4	15%	0	0%	1	4%	3.31	26
Category Total	15	58%	6	23%	4	15%	0	0%	1	4%	3.31	26



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2022 Peer 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	6	55%	5	45%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.55	11	0
2. Knowledge of law	7	64%	4	36%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.64	11	0
3. Decisions based on law and facts	9	82%	2	18%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.82	11	0
4. Clearly written, legally supported decisions	6	55%	5	45%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.55	11	0
Category Total	28	64%	16	36%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.64	44	
2. Integrity													
5. Basic fairness and impartiality	9	82%	2	18%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.82	11	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of race	10	91%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.91	11	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of gender	10	91%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.91	11	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of religion	8	80%	2	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	10	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	10	91%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.91	11	0
10. Equal treatment regardless of disability	10	91%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.91	11	0
11. Equal treatment regardless of age	10	91%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.91	11	0
12. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	9	90%	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	0	0%	3.70	10	0

13. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	10	91%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.91	11	0
Category Total	86	89%	10	10%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	3.87	97	
3. Communication													
14. Attentiveness	8	89%	1	11%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.89	9	0
15. Appropriate restrictions on counsel during argument	9	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	9	0
16. Relevant questions	9	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	9	0
Category Total	26	96%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.96	27	
4. Temperament													
17. Dignified	10	91%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.91	11	0
18. Courteous	10	91%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.91	11	0
19. Patient	10	91%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.91	11	0
20. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge"s ability	8	73%	3	27%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.73	11	0
Category Total	38	86%	6	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.86	44	
5. Admin Performance													
21. Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	6	60%	4	40%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.60	10	0
22. Prepared for proceedings	6	67%	3	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	9	0
23. Works effectively with other judges	9	90%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.90	10	0
24. Works effectively with other court personnel	8	80%	2	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	10	0
25. Effective handling of ongoing workload	8	80%	2	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	10	0
Category Total	37	76%	12	24%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.76	49	



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2022 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	19	83%	4	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	23	0
2. Knowledge of the law	19	83%	4	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	23	0
3. Decisions based on law and facts	19	83%	4	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	23	0
4. Clearly written, legally supported decisions	19	83%	3	13%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	3.78	23	0
Category Total	76	83%	15	16%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	3.82	92	
2. Integrity													
5. Basic fairness and impartiality	18	86%	3	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.86	21	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of race	13	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	13	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of gender	13	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	13	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of religion	13	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	13	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	13	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	13	0
10. Equal treatment regardless of disability	13	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	13	0
11. Equal treatment regardless of age	13	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	13	0
12. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	13	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	13	0

13. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	13	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	13	0
Category Total	122	98%	3	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.98	125	
3. Admin Performance													
14. Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	10	67%	5	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	15	0
Category Total	10	67%	5	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.67	15	