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Maricopa County Voters Only

Hon. Joan M. Sinclair
Maricopa County Superior Court
Bench: Family
Appointed: 2012

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

Show Surveys from Prior Years

2022	Attorney Surveys Distributed: 363 Returned: 68 Score (See Footnote)	Juror Surveys Distributed: 6 Returned: 6 Score (See Footnote)	Litigant Witness Surveys Distributed: 631 Returned: 79 Score (See Footnote)
Legal Ability	94%	n/a	n/a
Integrity	95%	100%	85%
Communication	92%	100%	82%
Temperament	95%	100%	83%
Admin Performance	98%	100%	93%
Settlement Activities	93%	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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2022 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.			
1. Legal Ability													
1. Legal reasoning ability	28	44%	17	27%	12	19%	3	5%	3	5%	3.02	63	0
2. Knowledge of substantive law	27	44%	18	29%	13	21%	2	3%	2	3%	3.06	62	0
3. Knowledge of rules of evidence	26	48%	13	24%	12	22%	2	4%	1	2%	3.13	54	0
4. Knowledge of rules of procedure	29	47%	17	27%	15	24%	0	0%	1	2%	3.18	62	0
Category Total	110	46%	65	27%	52	22%	7	3%	7	3%	3.10	241	
2. Integrity													
5. Basic fairness and impartiality	37	58%	12	19%	7	11%	5	8%	3	5%	3.17	64	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of race	31	67%	10	22%	4	9%	0	0%	1	2%	3.52	46	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of gender	34	63%	11	20%	4	7%	4	7%	1	2%	3.35	54	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of religion	25	68%	8	22%	4	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.57	37	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	25	69%	7	19%	4	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3.58	36	0
10. Equal treatment regardless of disability	25	69%	6	17%	4	11%	1	3%	0	0%	3.53	36	0
11. Equal treatment regardless of age	29	66%	9	20%	5	11%	1	2%	0	0%	3.50	44	0

12. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	24	71%	6	18%	4	12%	0	0%	0	0%	3.59	34	0
13. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	30	63%	9	19%	6	13%	2	4%	1	2%	3.35	48	0
Category Total	260	65%	78	20%	42	11%	13	3%	6	2%	3.44	399	
3. Communication													
14. Clear and logical oral communications and directions	33	50%	16	24%	14	21%	2	3%	1	2%	3.18	66	0
15. Clear and logical written decisions	29	50%	11	19%	9	16%	7	12%	2	3%	3.00	58	0
16. Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	38	58%	12	18%	11	17%	3	5%	1	2%	3.28	65	0
Category Total	100	53%	39	21%	34	18%	12	6%	4	2%	3.16	189	
4. Temperament													
17. Understanding and compassion	36	59%	12	20%	8	13%	2	3%	3	5%	3.25	61	0
18. Dignified	42	64%	12	18%	10	15%	1	2%	1	2%	3.41	66	0
19. Courteous	44	67%	12	18%	9	14%	1	2%	0	0%	3.50	66	0
20. Conduct that promoted public confidence in the court and judge's ability	43	65%	8	12%	9	14%	4	6%	2	3%	3.30	66	0
21. Patient	43	67%	11	17%	9	14%	1	2%	0	0%	3.50	64	0
Category Total	208	64%	55	17%	45	14%	9	3%	6	2%	3.39	323	
5. Admin Performance													
22. Punctual in conducting proceedings	41	64%	15	23%	8	13%	0	0%	0	0%	3.52	64	0
23. Maintained proper control over courtroom	40	63%	13	21%	8	13%	1	2%	1	2%	3.43	63	0
24. Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	37	65%	10	18%	8	14%	2	4%	0	0%	3.44	57	0
25. Was prepared for the proceedings	40	63%	12	19%	11	17%	1	2%	0	0%	3.42	64	0
26. Efficient management of the calendar	37	61%	13	21%	10	16%	1	2%	0	0%	3.41	61	0
Category Total	195	63%	63	20%	45	15%	5	2%	1	0%	3.44	309	
6. Settlement Activities													
27. Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	19	45%	10	24%	10	24%	2	5%	1	2%	3.05	42	0
Category Total	19	45%	10	24%	10	24%	2	5%	1	2%	3.05	42	



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2022 Litigant Witness 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. Integrity													
1. Basic fairness and impartiality	41	59%	8	11%	3	4%	8	11%	10	14%	2.89	70	0
2. Equal treatment regardless of race	40	69%	6	10%	5	9%	3	5%	4	7%	3.29	58	0
3. Equal treatment regardless of gender	40	60%	9	13%	7	10%	3	4%	8	12%	3.04	67	0
4. Equal treatment regardless of religion	36	69%	6	12%	4	8%	1	2%	5	10%	3.29	52	0
5. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	37	74%	5	10%	5	10%	0	0%	3	6%	3.46	50	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of disability	37	73%	3	6%	4	8%	1	2%	6	12%	3.25	51	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of age	41	71%	7	12%	5	9%	0	0%	5	9%	3.36	58	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	35	73%	6	13%	3	6%	2	4%	2	4%	3.46	48	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	41	65%	6	10%	1	2%	7	11%	8	13%	3.03	63	0
Category Total	348	67%	56	11%	37	7%	25	5%	51	10%	3.21	517	
2. Communication													
10. Explained proceedings	42	58%	10	14%	9	13%	4	6%	7	10%	3.06	72	0
11. Explained reasons for delays	34	59%	6	10%	6	10%	5	9%	7	12%	2.95	58	0
Category Total	76	58%	16	12%	15	12%	9	7%	14	11%	3.01	130	

3. Temperament													
12. Understanding and compassion	40	62%	7	11%	2	3%	6	9%	10	15%	2.94	65	0
13. Dignified	45	65%	5	7%	9	13%	3	4%	7	10%	3.13	69	0
14. Courteous	42	60%	9	13%	10	14%	2	3%	7	10%	3.10	70	0
15. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	43	62%	8	12%	3	4%	6	9%	9	13%	3.01	69	0
16. Patient	44	62%	7	10%	12	17%	3	4%	5	7%	3.15	71	0
Category Total	214	62%	36	10%	36	10%	20	6%	38	11%	3.07	344	
4. Admin Performance													
17. Punctual in conducting proceedings	45	65%	8	12%	12	17%	3	4%	1	1%	3.35	69	0
18. Maintained proper control of courtroom	45	67%	7	10%	10	15%	2	3%	3	4%	3.33	67	0
19. Was prepared for the proceedings	43	65%	5	8%	13	20%	3	5%	2	3%	3.27	66	0
Category Total	133	66%	20	10%	35	17%	8	4%	6	3%	3.32	202	



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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	5	83%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	6	0
2. Equal treatment regardless of race	5	83%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	6	0
3. Equal treatment regardless of gender	5	83%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	6	0
4. Equal treatment regardless of religion	4	80%	1	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	5	0
5. Equal treatment regardless of national origin	4	80%	1	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.80	5	0
6. Equal treatment regardless of disability	5	83%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	6	0
7. Equal treatment regardless of age	5	83%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	6	0
8. Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	5	83%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	6	0
9. Equal treatment regardless of economic status	5	83%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	6	0
Category Total	43	83%	9	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3.83	52	
2. Communication													
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	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	5	0

12. Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
Category Total	17	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	17	
3. Temperament													
13. Understanding and Compassion	6	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	6	0
14. Dignified	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	5	0
15. Courteous	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	5	0
16. Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	5	0
17. Patient	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	5	0
Category Total	26	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	26	
4. Admin Performance													
18. Punctuality in conducting proceedings	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	5	0
19. Maintained proper control of courtroom	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	5	0
20. Was prepared for the proceedings	5	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	5	0
Category Total	15	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.00	15	