

Judges are evaluated by survey on their judicial performance midway through their term and prior to their retention election. Beginning in 2022, their survey evaluations include midterm and retention feedback. Newly appointed judges serve a two-year term and are evaluated prior to their retention election. The composite percentage table is an average of all evaluators who rated the judge "superior", "very good", or "satisfactory" in each of the Commission's evaluation categories. Some evaluators select "Can't Rate" on the questionnaire affecting the average response number within their respondent category. The JPR Commission votes whether a judge "Meets" or "Does Not Meet" Judicial Performance Standards, based on the survey information and any other information submitted by the public or the judge. Further information on the judges and justices can be found on each court's website.

**Commission on Judicial Performance Review
Composite Percentage - Average of all Evaluation Categories**

Superior Court in Maricopa County

Hon. David J. Palmer

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	78	93%
Integrity	117	97%
Communication Skills	129	95%
Judicial Temperament	139	97%
Administrative Performance	136	96%
Settlement Activities	34	91%

Responses based upon 147 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 1186 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. David J. Palmer** Total Surveys: 132 Assignment: Criminal Cycle: 2021 & 2023

Name of Judge:	ATTORNEY					76		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					42		JUROR					14	
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean
Hon. David J. Palmer	32	17	11	5	1	65	3.1														
Section I: Legal Ability	32	17	11	5	1	65	3.1														
Legal reasoning ability	33	17	12	6	1	69	3.1														
Knowledge of substantive law	32	17	12	5	1	67	3.1														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	30	15	9	4	1	59	3.2														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	32	18	11	3	1	65	3.2														
Section II: Integrity	35	11	10	1	0	58	3.4	18	9	5	2	1	35	3.2	9	1	1	0	0	11	3.7
Basic fairness and impartiality	41	15	10	4	1	71	3.3	19	13	6	2	2	42	3.1	10	1	1	0	0	12	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of race	35	12	11	0	0	58	3.4	20	9	6	3	0	38	3.2	9	1	1	0	0	11	3.7
Equal treatment regardless of gender	39	14	10	1	0	64	3.4	21	9	6	2	2	40	3.1	10	2	1	0	0	13	3.7
Equal treatment regardless of religion	33	9	10	0	1	53	3.4	17	7	5	0	3	32	3.1	8	1	1	0	0	10	3.7
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	34	10	10	0	0	54	3.4	18	9	6	0	1	34	3.3	9	1	1	0	0	11	3.7
Equal treatment regardless of disability	32	9	10	0	0	51	3.4	18	5	4	2	1	30	3.2	9	1	1	0	0	11	3.7
Equal treatment regardless of age	35	12	11	0	0	58	3.4	21	8	6	1	1	37	3.3	9	1	1	0	0	11	3.7
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	31	10	10	0	0	51	3.4	16	7	6	0	1	30	3.2	9	1	1	0	0	11	3.7
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	37	10	11	0	0	58	3.4	15	10	4	4	1	34	3.0	10	2	1	0	0	13	3.7
Section III: Communication Skills	36	16	10	2	2	66	3.2	15	14	5	1	2	36	3.1	12	1	1	0	0	14	3.7
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	37	19	12	2	2	72	3.2														
Clear and logical written decisions	32	11	9	2	2	56	3.2														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	40	18	9	2	2	71	3.3														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								16	17	4	1	1	39	3.2	12	1	1	0	0	14	3.8
Explained reason for delays								14	10	6	0	2	32	3.1	11	0	2	1	0	14	3.5
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															12	1	1	0	0	14	3.8
Section IV: Judicial temperament	45	12	11	1	1	71	3.4	23	13	3	1	1	41	3.3	12	1	1	0	0	14	3.8
Understanding and compassion	45	10	13	3	1	72	3.3	22	12	3	2	2	41	3.2	12	1	1	0	0	14	3.8
Dignified	46	14	10	1	0	71	3.5	23	14	3	0	1	41	3.4	12	1	1	0	0	14	3.8
Courteous	46	12	14	0	0	72	3.4	23	12	4	1	1	41	3.3	12	1	1	0	0	14	3.8
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	43	14	9	1	3	70	3.3	22	15	2	0	2	41	3.3	12	1	1	0	0	14	3.8
Patient	47	11	11	1	1	71	3.4	24	13	2	1	1	41	3.4	12	1	1	0	0	14	3.8
Section V: Administrative Performance	36	17	12	2	2	70	3.2	23	11	5	1	0	40	3.4	11	2	1	0	0	14	3.7
Punctual in conducting proceedings	36	17	16	1	2	72	3.2	20	13	7	1	0	41	3.3	11	1	2	0	0	14	3.6
Maintained proper control of courtroom	38	16	11	3	1	69	3.3	24	10	5	1	1	41	3.3	11	2	1	0	0	14	3.7
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	30	18	11	2	3	64	3.1														
Was prepared for the proceedings	39	15	13	3	1	71	3.2	24	10	4	1	0	39	3.5	11	2	1	0	0	14	3.7
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	37	18	11	3	3	72	3.2														
Section VI: Settlement Activities	16	8	7	0	3	34	3.0														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	16	8	7	0	3	34	3.0														

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 132					Assignment: Criminal					Cycle: 2021 & 2023								
	ATTORNEY					76	LIT/WIT/PRO PER					42	JUROR					14	
Hon. David J. Palmer	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	
Section I: Legal Ability	49%	26%	17%	7%	2%	3.1													
Legal reasoning ability	48%	25%	17%	9%	1%	3.1													
Knowledge of substantive law	48%	25%	18%	7%	1%	3.1													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	51%	25%	15%	7%	2%	3.2													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	49%	28%	17%	5%	2%	3.2													
Section II: Integrity	61%	19%	18%	1%	0%	3.4	52%	24%	15%	4%	4%	3.2	81%	11%	9%	0%	0%	3.7	
Basic fairness and impartiality	58%	21%	14%	6%	1%	3.3	45%	31%	14%	5%	5%	3.1	83%	8%	8%	0%	0%	3.8	
Equal treatment regardless of race	60%	21%	19%	0%	0%	3.4	53%	24%	16%	8%	0%	3.2	82%	9%	9%	0%	0%	3.7	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	61%	22%	16%	2%	0%	3.4	53%	23%	15%	5%	5%	3.1	77%	15%	8%	0%	0%	3.7	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	62%	17%	19%	0%	2%	3.4	53%	22%	16%	0%	9%	3.1	80%	10%	10%	0%	0%	3.7	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	63%	19%	19%	0%	0%	3.4	53%	26%	18%	0%	3%	3.3	82%	9%	9%	0%	0%	3.7	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	63%	18%	20%	0%	0%	3.4	60%	17%	13%	7%	3%	3.2	82%	9%	9%	0%	0%	3.7	
Equal treatment regardless of age	60%	21%	19%	0%	0%	3.4	57%	22%	16%	3%	3%	3.3	82%	9%	9%	0%	0%	3.7	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	61%	20%	20%	0%	0%	3.4	53%	23%	20%	0%	3%	3.2	82%	9%	9%	0%	0%	3.7	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	64%	17%	19%	0%	0%	3.4	44%	29%	12%	12%	3%	3.0	77%	15%	8%	0%	0%	3.7	
Section III: Communication Skills	55%	24%	15%	3%	3%	3.2	42%	38%	14%	1%	4%	3.1	83%	5%	10%	2%	0%	3.7	
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	51%	26%	17%	3%	3%	3.2													
Clear and logical written decisions	57%	20%	16%	4%	4%	3.2													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	56%	25%	13%	3%	3%	3.3													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							41%	44%	10%	3%	3%	3.2	86%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8	
Explained reason for delays							44%	31%	19%	0%	6%	3.1	79%	0%	14%	7%	0%	3.5	
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													86%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8	
Section IV: Judicial temperament	64%	17%	16%	2%	1%	3.4	56%	32%	7%	2%	3%	3.3	86%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8	
Understanding and compassion	63%	14%	18%	4%	1%	3.3	54%	29%	7%	5%	5%	3.2	86%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8	
Dignified	65%	20%	14%	1%	0%	3.5	56%	34%	7%	0%	2%	3.4	86%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8	
Courteous	64%	17%	19%	0%	0%	3.4	56%	29%	10%	2%	2%	3.3	86%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	61%	20%	13%	1%	4%	3.3	54%	37%	5%	0%	5%	3.3	86%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8	
Patient	66%	15%	15%	1%	1%	3.4	59%	32%	5%	2%	2%	3.4	86%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8	
Section V: Administrative Performance	52%	24%	18%	3%	3%	3.2	56%	27%	13%	2%	1%	3.4	79%	12%	10%	0%	0%	3.7	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	50%	24%	22%	1%	3%	3.2	49%	32%	17%	2%	0%	3.3	79%	7%	14%	0%	0%	3.6	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	55%	23%	16%	4%	1%	3.3	59%	24%	12%	2%	2%	3.3	79%	14%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	47%	28%	17%	3%	5%	3.1													
Was prepared for the proceedings	55%	21%	18%	4%	1%	3.2	62%	26%	10%	3%	0%	3.5	79%	14%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	
Respectful treatment of staff																			
Cooperation with peers																			
Efficient management of calendar	51%	25%	15%	4%	4%	3.2													
Section VI: Settlement Activities	47%	24%	21%	0%	9%	3.0													
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	47%	24%	21%	0%	9%	3.0													

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 15					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. David J. Palmer	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	11	2	0	0	0	13	4.8
Decisions based on law and facts	11	2	0	0	0	13	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	11	2	0	0	0	13	4.8
Knowledge of rules of procedure	11	2	0	0	0	13	4.8
Section II: Integrity	11	2	0	0	0	13	4.8
Unbiased and impartial	11	2	0	0	0	13	4.8
Section III: Communication Skills	11	1	1	0	0	13	4.8
Communication skills	11	1	1	0	0	13	4.8
Section IV: Judicial temperament	12	1	0	0	0	13	4.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	11	2	0	0	0	13	4.8
Respectful to all individuals	13	0	0	0	0	13	5.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	11	1	0	0	0	12	4.9
Works effectively with other judges	11	2	0	0	0	13	4.8
Works effectively with court personnel	11	1	0	0	0	12	4.9
Efficient management of calendar	10	1	0	0	0	11	4.9
Does a fair share of work	12	1	0	0	0	13	4.9

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 15					Fall 2023
Hon. David J. Palmer	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
Section I: Legal Ability	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Decisions based on law and facts	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Knowledge of rules of procedure	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Section II: Integrity	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Unbiased and impartial	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Section III: Communication Skills	85%	8%	8%	0%	0%	4.8
Communication skills	85%	8%	8%	0%	0%	4.8
Section IV: Judicial temperament	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Respectful to all individuals	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Works effectively with other judges	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Works effectively with court personnel	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Efficient management of calendar	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Does a fair share of work	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9

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