

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. Christopher A. Coury**

<b>2024</b>		
<b>Evaluation Category</b>	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	85	96%
Integrity	108	90%
Communication Skills	141	89%
Judicial Temperament	143	85%
Administrative Performance	143	93%
Settlement Activities	51	92%

Responses based upon 155 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 788 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. Christopher A. Coury** Total Surveys: 136 Assignment: Family Cycle: 2021 & 2023

	ATTORNEY					78		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					51		JUROR					7	
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	42	17	8	2	2	70	3.4														
Legal reasoning ability	41	18	7	4	1	71	3.3														
Knowledge of substantive law	40	20	8	4	1	73	3.3														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	40	14	7	0	2	63	3.4														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	46	16	8	1	2	73	3.4														
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	35	11	6	0	0	52	3.5	16	5	5	5	6	37	2.6	6	0	0	0	0	6	4.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	41	21	10	2	1	75	3.3	17	7	5	7	11	47	2.3	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	36	10	5	0	0	51	3.6	18	5	7	5	4	39	2.7	6	0	0	0	0	6	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	41	13	8	1	0	63	3.5	19	5	6	5	10	45	2.4	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	31	7	6	0	0	44	3.6	16	4	5	3	1	29	3.1	5	0	0	0	0	5	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	33	7	5	0	0	45	3.6	16	5	4	4	2	31	2.9	6	0	0	0	0	6	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	32	7	4	0	0	43	3.7	14	4	4	4	3	29	2.8	5	0	0	0	0	5	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	35	11	6	0	0	52	3.6	18	5	5	4	6	38	2.7	6	0	0	0	0	6	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	32	7	4	0	0	43	3.7	16	4	5	3	5	33	2.7	5	0	0	0	0	5	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	36	13	5	1	1	56	3.5	14	5	3	8	9	39	2.2	6	0	0	0	0	6	4.0
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	45	16	7	5	1	74	3.4	16	8	9	6	5	43	2.6	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	48	16	6	5	0	75	3.4														
Clear and logical written decisions	41	18	9	4	0	72	3.3														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	46	15	7	5	2	75	3.3														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								17	10	10	7	4	48	2.6	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Explained reason for delays								15	5	8	4	5	37	2.6	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	45	15	9	5	1	74	3.3	17	8	6	5	10	47	2.4	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Understanding and compassion	42	18	9	5	0	74	3.3	15	8	5	7	12	47	2.1	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Dignified	46	16	7	4	0	73	3.4	18	8	7	6	8	47	2.5	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Courteous	48	12	10	5	1	76	3.3	17	10	8	4	9	48	2.5	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	46	14	7	4	4	75	3.3	19	5	4	5	12	45	2.3	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Patient	42	14	11	6	1	74	3.2	16	9	8	4	9	46	2.4	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	51	15	8	1	1	75	3.5	20	7	11	3	5	46	2.7	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	50	17	7	2	0	76	3.5	21	7	13	4	2	47	2.9	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	50	15	10	0	0	75	3.5	19	8	11	2	7	47	2.6	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	53	13	7	1	0	74	3.6														
Was prepared for the proceedings	53	15	5	1	2	76	3.5	20	5	9	4	6	44	2.7	7	0	0	0	0	7	4.0
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	47	15	9	2	1	74	3.4														
<b>Section VI: Settlement Activities</b>	37	6	4	3	1	51	3.5														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	37	6	4	3	1	51	3.5														

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ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 136					Assignment: Family					Cycle: 2021 & 2023							
Hon. Christopher A. Coury	ATTORNEY					78 Mean	LIT/WIT/PRO PER					51 Mean	JUROR					7 Mean
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3.4</b>												
Legal reasoning ability	58%	25%	10%	6%	1%	3.3												
Knowledge of substantive law	55%	27%	11%	5%	1%	3.3												
Knowledge of rules of evidence	63%	22%	11%	0%	3%	3.4												
Knowledge of rules of procedure	63%	22%	11%	1%	3%	3.4												
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Basic fairness and impartiality	55%	28%	13%	3%	1%	3.3	36%	15%	11%	15%	23%	2.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	71%	20%	10%	0%	0%	3.6	46%	13%	18%	13%	10%	2.7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	65%	21%	13%	2%	0%	3.5	42%	11%	13%	11%	22%	2.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	70%	16%	14%	0%	0%	3.6	55%	14%	17%	10%	3%	3.1	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	73%	16%	11%	0%	0%	3.6	52%	16%	13%	13%	6%	2.9	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	74%	16%	9%	0%	0%	3.7	48%	14%	14%	14%	10%	2.8	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	67%	21%	12%	0%	0%	3.6	47%	13%	13%	11%	16%	2.7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	74%	16%	9%	0%	0%	3.7	48%	12%	15%	9%	15%	2.7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	64%	23%	9%	2%	2%	3.5	36%	13%	8%	21%	23%	2.2	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Clear and logical communications																		
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	64%	21%	8%	7%	0%	3.4												
Clear and logical written decisions	57%	25%	13%	6%	0%	3.3												
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	61%	20%	9%	7%	3%	3.3												
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							35%	21%	21%	15%	8%	2.6	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Explained reason for delays							41%	14%	22%	11%	14%	2.6	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
<b>Section IV: Judicial Temperament</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Understanding and compassion	57%	24%	12%	7%	0%	3.3	32%	17%	11%	15%	26%	2.1	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Dignified	63%	22%	10%	5%	0%	3.4	38%	17%	15%	13%	17%	2.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Courteous	63%	16%	13%	7%	1%	3.3	35%	21%	17%	8%	19%	2.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	61%	19%	9%	5%	5%	3.3	42%	11%	9%	11%	27%	2.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Patient	57%	19%	15%	8%	1%	3.2	35%	20%	17%	9%	20%	2.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Punctual in conducting proceedings	66%	22%	9%	3%	0%	3.5	45%	15%	28%	9%	4%	2.9	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	67%	20%	13%	0%	0%	3.5	40%	17%	23%	4%	15%	2.6	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	72%	18%	9%	1%	0%	3.6												
Was prepared for the proceedings	70%	20%	7%	1%	3%	3.5	45%	11%	20%	9%	14%	2.7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Respectful treatment of staff																		
Cooperation with peers																		
Efficient management of calendar	64%	20%	12%	3%	1%	3.4												
<b>Section VI: Settlement Activities</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3.5</b>												
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	73%	12%	8%	6%	2%	3.5												

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 19					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Christopher A. Coury	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Decisions based on law and facts	15	0	0	0	0	15	5.0
Knowledge of rules of evidence	15	0	0	0	0	15	5.0
Knowledge of rules of procedure	15	0	0	0	0	15	5.0
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Unbiased and impartial	12	1	0	0	0	13	4.9
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Communication skills	14	2	1	0	0	17	4.8
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	13	2	1	0	0	16	4.8
Respectful to all individuals	11	2	1	0	0	14	4.7
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Works effectively with other judges	16	2	0	0	0	18	4.9
Works effectively with court personnel	13	0	0	0	0	13	5.0
Efficient management of calendar	13	0	0	0	0	13	5.0
Does a fair share of work	14	0	0	0	0	14	5.0

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Name of Judge:	Total Surveys:	19					Fall 2023
Hon. Christopher A. Coury	PEER JUDGE					Mean	
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>5.0</b>	
Decisions based on law and facts	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0	
Knowledge of rules of evidence	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0	
Knowledge of rules of procedure	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0	
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.9</b>	
Unbiased and impartial	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9	
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.8</b>	
Communication skills	82%	12%	6%	0%	0%	4.8	
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.7</b>	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	81%	13%	6%	0%	0%	4.8	
Respectful to all individuals	79%	14%	7%	0%	0%	4.7	
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>5.0</b>	
Works effectively with other judges	89%	11%	0%	0%	0%	4.9	
Works effectively with court personnel	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0	
Efficient management of calendar	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0	
Does a fair share of work	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0	

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