

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. Peter A. Thompson**

<b>2024</b>		
<b>Evaluation Category</b>	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	49	97%
Integrity	56	99%
Communication Skills	69	97%
Judicial Temperament	71	99%
Administrative Performance	68	99%
Settlement Activities	22	82%

Responses based upon 74 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 416 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Name of Judge: **Hon. Peter A. Thompson**      Total Surveys: **60**      Assignment: **Civil**      Cycle: **2021 & 2023**

	ATTORNEY					40		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					4		JUROR					16	
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean
<b>Hon. Peter A. Thompson</b>																					
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	15	12	8	1	0	37	3.1														
Legal reasoning ability	15	12	9	2	0	38	3.1														
Knowledge of substantive law	15	14	7	2	0	38	3.1														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	15	10	8	0	0	33	3.2														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	16	13	8	1	1	39	3.1														
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	16	8	2	0	0	27	3.5	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	13	1	0	0	0	14	3.9
Basic fairness and impartiality	19	14	5	1	1	40	3.2	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	15	1	0	0	0	16	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of race	19	10	3	0	0	32	3.5	3	0	0	0	0	3	4.0	12	1	0	0	0	13	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of gender	19	8	2	1	0	30	3.5	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	14	1	0	0	0	15	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of religion	15	5	2	0	0	22	3.6	3	0	0	0	0	3	4.0	11	0	0	0	0	11	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	17	5	2	0	0	24	3.6	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	12	0	1	0	0	13	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of disability	14	6	2	0	0	22	3.5	3	0	0	0	0	3	4.0	13	1	0	0	0	14	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of age	16	8	2	0	0	26	3.5	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	14	1	0	0	0	15	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	13	6	2	0	0	21	3.5	3	0	0	0	0	3	4.0	12	0	0	0	0	12	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	16	9	1	1	0	27	3.5	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	17	13	5	1	1	38	3.2	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	14	1	1	0	0	16	3.8
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	15	17	6	1	1	40	3.1														
Clear and logical written decisions	13	13	4	2	1	33	3.1														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	24	9	6	0	1	40	3.4														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	14	1	1	0	0	16	3.8
Explained reason for delays								4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	13	1	1	0	0	15	3.8
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															14	2	0	0	0	16	3.9
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	19	14	5	0	0	39	3.3	3	0	0	0	0	3	4.0	15	1	0	0	0	16	3.9
Understanding and compassion	18	12	8	0	0	38	3.3	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	14	2	0	0	0	16	3.9
Dignified	21	14	5	0	0	40	3.4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	15	1	0	0	0	16	3.9
Courteous	19	14	7	0	0	40	3.3	3	0	0	0	0	3	4.0	15	1	0	0	0	16	3.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	19	15	5	0	1	40	3.3	3	0	0	0	0	3	4.0	15	1	0	0	0	16	3.9
Patient	18	17	2	2	0	39	3.3	3	0	0	0	0	3	4.0	15	1	0	0	0	16	3.9
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	19	14	4	1	0	38	3.4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	14	1	1	0	0	16	3.8
Punctual in conducting proceedings	20	17	2	1	0	40	3.4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	13	2	1	0	0	16	3.8
Maintained proper control of courtroom	18	16	5	1	0	40	3.3	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	14	1	1	0	0	16	3.8
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	18	12	4	0	0	34	3.4														
Was prepared for the proceedings	21	12	6	1	0	40	3.3	3	0	0	0	0	3	4.0	15	0	1	0	0	16	3.9
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	19	13	2	2	0	36	3.4														
<b>Section VI: Settlement Activities</b>	10	7	1	3	1	22	3.0														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	10	7	1	3	1	22	3.0														

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ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 60						Assignment: Civil					Cycle: 2021 & 2023						
	ATTORNEY					40	LIT/WIT/PROPER					4	JUROR					16
Hon. Peter A. Thompson	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.1</b>												
Legal reasoning ability	39%	32%	24%	5%	0%	3.1												
Knowledge of substantive law	39%	37%	18%	5%	0%	3.1												
Knowledge of rules of evidence	45%	30%	24%	0%	0%	3.2												
Knowledge of rules of procedure	41%	33%	21%	3%	3%	3.1												
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Basic fairness and impartiality	48%	35%	13%	3%	3%	3.2	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of race	59%	31%	9%	0%	0%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of gender	63%	27%	7%	3%	0%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of religion	68%	23%	9%	0%	0%	3.6	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	71%	21%	8%	0%	0%	3.6	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	92%	0%	8%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of disability	64%	27%	9%	0%	0%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of age	62%	31%	8%	0%	0%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	62%	29%	10%	0%	0%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	59%	33%	4%	4%	0%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Clear and logical communications																		
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	38%	43%	15%	3%	3%	3.1												
Clear and logical written decisions	39%	39%	12%	6%	3%	3.1												
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	60%	23%	15%	0%	3%	3.4												
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	88%	6%	6%	0%	0%	3.8
Explained reason for delays							100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	87%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													88%	13%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Understanding and compassion	47%	32%	21%	0%	0%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	88%	13%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Dignified	53%	35%	13%	0%	0%	3.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Courteous	48%	35%	18%	0%	0%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	48%	38%	13%	0%	3%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Patient	46%	44%	5%	5%	0%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Punctual in conducting proceedings	50%	43%	5%	3%	0%	3.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	81%	13%	6%	0%	0%	3.8
Maintained proper control of courtroom	45%	40%	13%	3%	0%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	88%	6%	6%	0%	0%	3.8
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	53%	35%	12%	0%	0%	3.4												
Was prepared for the proceedings	53%	30%	15%	3%	0%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	94%	0%	6%	0%	0%	3.9
Respectful treatment of staff																		
Cooperation with peers																		
Efficient management of calendar	53%	36%	6%	6%	0%	3.4												
<b>Section VI: Settlement Activities</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3.0</b>												
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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 14					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Peter A. Thompson	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Decisions based on law and facts	11	1	0	0	0	12	4.9
Knowledge of rules of evidence	11	1	0	0	0	12	4.9
Knowledge of rules of procedure	11	1	0	0	0	12	4.9
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Unbiased and impartial	12	0	0	0	0	12	5.0
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Communication skills	10	2	0	0	0	12	4.8
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	12	0	0	0	0	12	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	12	0	0	0	0	12	5.0
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Works effectively with other judges	11	1	0	0	0	12	4.9
Works effectively with court personnel	8	1	0	0	0	9	4.9
Efficient management of calendar	8	2	0	0	0	10	4.8
Does a fair share of work	11	0	1	0	0	12	4.8

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Hon. Peter A. Thompson	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Decisions based on law and facts	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Knowledge of rules of evidence	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Knowledge of rules of procedure	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Unbiased and impartial	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Communication skills	83%	17%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Works effectively with other judges	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Works effectively with court personnel	89%	11%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Efficient management of calendar	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Does a fair share of work	92%	0%	8%	0%	0%	4.8

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