

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**

Pima County Voters Only

Hon. Christopher Staring

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	126	96%
Integrity	79	100%
Communication Skills	19	99%
Judicial Temperament	21	99%
Administrative Performance	106	100%

Responses based upon 146 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 724 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Appellate Courts

Name of Judge:

Total Surveys: 143

Assignment: Appellate

Cycle: 2021 & 2023

Name of Judge:	ATTORNEY					55 19		PEER JUDGE/JUSTICE					2		SUP COURT JUDGE					67	
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Valid	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Total	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Total	Mean
Hon. Christopher Staring	35	11	7	4	1	57	3.3	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	55	9	3	1	0	67	3.8
Section I: Legal Ability	35	11	7	3	1	57	3.3	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	54	10	2	1	0	67	3.7
Legal reasoning ability	35	11	7	3	1	57	3.3	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	55	9	2	1	0	67	3.8
Knowledge of law	35	9	8	4	1	57	3.3	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	55	8	3	1	0	67	3.7
Decisions based on law and facts	34	11	7	4	1	57	3.3	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	55	9	3	0	0	67	3.8
Clearly written, legally supported decisions	25	6	2	0	0	34	3.7	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	40	3	1	0	0	44	3.9
Section II: Integrity	35	9	4	1	0	49	3.6	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	52	6	2	0	0	60	3.8
Basic fairness and impartiality	28	6	2	0	0	36	3.7	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	44	2	1	0	0	47	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of race	27	6	3	0	0	36	3.7	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	44	2	1	0	0	47	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of gender	21	7	1	0	0	29	3.7	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	43	2	1	0	0	46	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of religion	24	6	1	0	0	31	3.7	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	43	2	1	0	0	46	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	22	6	1	0	0	29	3.7	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	43	2	1	0	0	46	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of disability	24	7	2	0	0	33	3.7	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	43	2	1	0	0	46	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of age	22	4	1	0	0	27	3.8	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0	43	2	1	0	0	46	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	25	6	1	0	0	32	3.8	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.0	44	3	1	0	0	48	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	3	2	0	0	0	5	3.6														
Written decision free from personal bias	11	4	2	0	0	17	3.5	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Section III: Communication Skills	14	6	2	0	0	22	3.5	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Attentiveness	12	6	1	0	0	19	3.6														
Demeanor in communications with counsel	3	0	0	0	0	3	4.0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Appropriate restrictions on counsel during argument	14	4	3	1	0	22	3.4	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Relevant questions	10	5	4	0	0	19	3.3														
Preparation for oral argument	12	5	2	0	0	19	3.5	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Clear and logical communications	11	5	2	1	0	19	3.4	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Section IV: Judicial temperament	13	5	1	0	0	19	3.6	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Understanding and compassion	13	5	1	0	0	19	3.6	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Dignified	12	5	2	0	0	19	3.5	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Courteous	11	5	2	1	0	19	3.4	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Patient	33	8	11	0	0	52	3.4	2	0	0	0	0	2	3.8	38	13	1	0	0	52	3.7
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court																					
Section V: Administrative Performance																					
Punctual in conducting proceedings																					
Maintains proper control over courtroom								2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Prepared for proceedings																					
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Cooperation with staff																					
Efficient management of calendar																					
Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	33	8	11	0	0	52	3.4	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.5	38	13	1	0	0	52	3.7
Works effectively with other judges								2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Works effectively with other court personnel								2	0	0	0	0	2	4.0							
Effective handling of incoming oral argument								1	1	0	0	0	2	3.5							

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Hon. Christopher Staring																		
Section I: Legal Ability	61%	18%	13%	6%	2%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	82%	13%	4%	1%	0%	3.8
Legal reasoning ability	61%	19%	12%	5%	2%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	81%	15%	3%	1%	0%	3.7
Knowledge of law	61%	19%	12%	5%	2%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	82%	13%	3%	1%	0%	3.8
Decisions based on law and facts	61%	16%	14%	7%	2%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	82%	12%	4%	1%	0%	3.7
Clearly written, legally supported decisions	60%	19%	12%	7%	2%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	82%	13%	4%	0%	0%	3.8
Section II: Integrity	75%	19%	5%	0%	0%	3.7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	92%	6%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Basic fairness and impartiality	71%	18%	8%	2%	0%	3.6	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	87%	10%	3%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of race	78%	17%	6%	0%	0%	3.7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	94%	4%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of gender	75%	17%	8%	0%	0%	3.7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	94%	4%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of religion	72%	24%	3%	0%	0%	3.7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	93%	4%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	77%	19%	3%	0%	0%	3.7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	93%	4%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of disability	76%	21%	3%	0%	0%	3.7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	93%	4%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of age	73%	21%	6%	0%	0%	3.7	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	93%	4%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	81%	15%	4%	0%	0%	3.8	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	93%	4%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	78%	19%	3%	0%	0%	3.8	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	92%	6%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Written decision free from personal bias													60%	40%	0%	0%	0%	3.6
Section III: Communication Skills	62%	25%	12%	1%	0%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
Attentiveness	64%	27%	9%	0%	0%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
Demeanor in communications with counsel	63%	32%	5%	0%	0%	3.6												
Appropriate restrictions on counsel during argument	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
Relevant questions	64%	18%	14%	5%	0%	3.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
Preparation for oral argument	53%	26%	21%	0%	0%	3.3												
Clear and logical communications																		
Section IV: Judicial temperament	64%	26%	8%	1%	0%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
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Patient	63%	26%	11%	0%	0%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	58%	26%	11%	5%	0%	3.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
Section V: Administrative Performance	63%	15%	21%	0%	0%	3.4	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	73%	25%	2%	0%	0%	3.7
Punctual in conducting proceedings																		
Maintains proper control over courtroom																		
Prepared for proceedings							100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
Respectful treatment of staff																		
Cooperation with peers																		
Cooperation with staff																		
Efficient management of calendar																		
Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	63%	15%	21%	0%	0%	3.4	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	3.5	73%	25%	2%	0%	0%	3.7
Works effectively with other judges							100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
Works effectively with other court personnel							100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
Effective handling of ongoing workload							50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	3.5						

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