

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. Lisa A. VandenBerg**

<b>2024</b>		
<b>Evaluation Category</b>	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	108	91%
Integrity	191	94%
Communication Skills	211	91%
Judicial Temperament	220	87%
Administrative Performance	217	95%
Settlement Activities	59	92%

Responses based upon 237 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 1372 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. Lisa A. Vandenberg** Total Surveys: **223** Assignment: **Criminal** Cycle: **2021 & 2023**

	ATTORNEY					104		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					99		JUROR					20	
	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>	<b>46</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>3.0</b>														
Legal reasoning ability	47	21	24	10	0	102	3.0														
Knowledge of substantive law	45	21	20	10	2	98	3.0														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	41	20	21	5	1	88	3.1														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	49	18	20	9	1	97	3.1														
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Basic fairness and impartiality	52	18	16	10	2	98	3.1	61	7	6	7	9	90	3.2	15	4	0	0	0	19	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of race	51	14	14	0	0	79	3.5	54	11	8	7	2	82	3.3	15	4	0	0	0	19	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of gender	52	17	10	5	0	84	3.4	52	11	10	3	8	84	3.1	15	4	0	0	0	19	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of religion	48	14	12	0	0	74	3.5	54	10	7	3	2	76	3.5	14	3	0	0	0	17	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	48	14	12	0	0	74	3.5	50	13	8	3	2	76	3.4	14	3	0	0	0	17	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of disability	50	14	12	2	0	78	3.4	53	12	7	5	2	79	3.4	14	3	0	0	0	17	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of age	51	15	15	1	0	82	3.4	53	12	8	4	3	80	3.4	15	4	0	0	0	19	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	47	14	11	0	0	72	3.5	49	8	10	4	2	73	3.3	14	3	0	0	0	17	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	53	14	15	0	1	83	3.4	52	8	7	5	9	81	3.1	14	4	0	0	0	18	3.8
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	52	14	22	9	3	100	3.0														
Clear and logical written decisions	44	13	21	2	1	81	3.2														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	52	18	17	10	2	99	3.1														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								57	14	12	4	3	90	3.3	17	2	1	0	0	20	3.8
Explained reason for delays								50	12	10	4	6	82	3.2	14	3	1	2	0	20	3.5
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															17	2	1	0	0	20	3.8
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Understanding and compassion	48	17	14	19	2	100	2.9	60	6	9	5	10	90	3.1	14	4	1	0	0	19	3.7
Dignified	49	13	21	13	1	97	3.0	59	9	11	4	5	88	3.3	14	5	0	0	0	19	3.7
Courteous	49	14	15	16	5	99	2.9	58	11	12	3	5	89	3.3	17	3	0	0	0	20	3.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	52	14	16	11	6	99	3.0	58	6	9	4	10	87	3.1	15	5	0	0	0	20	3.8
Patient	46	15	17	13	7	98	2.8	62	6	13	4	5	90	3.3	16	2	2	0	0	20	3.7
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Punctual in conducting proceedings	48	22	25	4	0	99	3.2	55	15	14	2	2	88	3.4	13	4	3	0	0	20	3.5
Maintained proper control of courtroom	53	17	23	3	2	98	3.2	63	4	16	4	1	88	3.4	15	4	1	0	0	20	3.7
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	55	14	25	2	0	96	3.3														
Was prepared for the proceedings	56	17	24	2	0	99	3.3	62	3	13	3	8	89	3.2	13	3	3	0	0	19	3.5
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	53	15	21	6	0	95	3.2														
<b>Section VI: Settlement Activities</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3.2</b>														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	33	12	9	4	1	59	3.2														

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**ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 223					104 Mean	Assignment: Criminal					99 Mean	Cycle: 2021 & 2023					20 Mean	
	ATTORNEY						LIT/WIT/PRO PER						JUROR						
Hon. Lisa A. VandenBerg	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.0</b>													
Legal reasoning ability	46%	21%	24%	10%	0%	3.0													
Knowledge of substantive law	46%	21%	20%	10%	2%	3.0													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	47%	23%	24%	6%	1%	3.1													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	51%	19%	21%	9%	1%	3.1													
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Basic fairness and impartiality	53%	18%	16%	10%	2%	3.1	68%	8%	7%	8%	10%	3.2	79%	21%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of race	65%	18%	18%	0%	0%	3.5	66%	13%	10%	9%	2%	3.3	79%	21%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of gender	62%	20%	12%	6%	0%	3.4	62%	13%	12%	4%	10%	3.1	79%	21%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of religion	65%	19%	16%	0%	0%	3.5	71%	13%	9%	4%	3%	3.5	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	65%	19%	16%	0%	0%	3.5	66%	17%	11%	4%	3%	3.4	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of disability	64%	18%	15%	3%	0%	3.4	67%	15%	9%	6%	3%	3.4	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of age	62%	18%	18%	1%	0%	3.4	66%	15%	10%	5%	4%	3.4	79%	21%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	65%	19%	15%	0%	0%	3.5	67%	11%	14%	5%	3%	3.3	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	64%	17%	18%	0%	1%	3.4	64%	10%	9%	6%	11%	3.1	78%	22%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	52%	14%	22%	9%	3%	3.0													
Clear and logical written decisions	54%	16%	26%	2%	1%	3.2													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	53%	18%	17%	10%	2%	3.1													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							63%	16%	13%	4%	3%	3.3	85%	10%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
Explained reason for delays							61%	15%	12%	5%	7%	3.2	70%	15%	5%	10%	0%	0%	3.5
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													85%	10%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Understanding and compassion	48%	17%	14%	19%	2%	2.9	67%	7%	10%	6%	11%	3.1	74%	21%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3.7
Dignified	51%	13%	22%	13%	1%	3.0	67%	10%	13%	5%	6%	3.3	74%	26%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.7
Courteous	49%	14%	15%	16%	5%	2.9	65%	12%	13%	3%	6%	3.3	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	53%	14%	16%	11%	6%	3.0	67%	7%	10%	5%	11%	3.1	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.8
Patient	47%	15%	17%	13%	7%	2.8	69%	7%	14%	4%	6%	3.3	80%	10%	10%	0%	0%	0%	3.7
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Punctual in conducting proceedings	48%	22%	25%	4%	0%	3.2	63%	17%	16%	2%	2%	3.4	65%	20%	15%	0%	0%	0%	3.5
Maintained proper control of courtroom	54%	17%	23%	3%	2%	3.2	72%	5%	18%	5%	1%	3.4	75%	20%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3.7
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	57%	15%	26%	2%	0%	3.3													
Was prepared for the proceedings	57%	17%	24%	2%	0%	3.3	70%	3%	15%	3%	9%	3.2	68%	16%	16%	0%	0%	0%	3.5
Respectful treatment of staff																			
Cooperation with peers																			
Efficient management of calendar	56%	16%	22%	6%	0%	3.2													
<b>Section VI: Settlement Activities</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3.2</b>													
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	56%	20%	15%	7%	2%	3.2													

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ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 14					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Lisa A. Vandenberg	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Decisions based on law and facts	9	3	0	0	0	12	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	9	3	0	0	0	12	4.8
Knowledge of rules of procedure	9	3	0	0	0	12	4.8
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Unbiased and impartial	10	2	0	0	0	12	4.8
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Communication skills	9	3	0	0	0	12	4.8
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	10	2	1	0	0	13	4.7
Respectful to all individuals	10	1	2	0	0	13	4.6
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Works effectively with other judges	10	2	1	0	0	13	4.7
Works effectively with court personnel	9	0	1	0	1	11	4.5
Efficient management of calendar	10	1	0	0	0	11	4.9
Does a fair share of work	10	1	0	0	0	11	4.9

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 14					Fall 2023
Hon. Lisa A. Vandenberg	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Decisions based on law and facts	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Knowledge of rules of procedure	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Unbiased and impartial	83%	17%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Communication skills	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	77%	15%	8%	0%	0%	4.7
Respectful to all individuals	77%	8%	15%	0%	0%	4.6
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Works effectively with other judges	77%	15%	8%	0%	0%	4.7
Works effectively with court personnel	82%	0%	9%	0%	9%	4.5
Efficient management of calendar	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Does a fair share of work	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%	4.9

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