

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. Patricia A. Starr

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	81	99%
Integrity	103	98%
Communication Skills	113	98%
Judicial Temperament	116	98%
Administrative Performance	115	100%
Settlement Activities	28	100%

Responses based upon 122 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 682 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. Patricia A. Starr** Total Surveys: 101 Assignment: Family Cycle: 2021 & 2023

	ATTORNEY					68		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					33		JUROR					0	
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean
Section I: Legal Ability	41	20	1	1	0	62	3.6														
Legal reasoning ability	41	21	1	1	0	64	3.6														
Knowledge of substantive law	41	20	2	1	0	64	3.6														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	37	17	1	1	0	56	3.6														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	43	20	1	1	0	65	3.6														
Section II: Integrity	41	10	1	0	0	53	3.7	23	5	1	1	0	30	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basic fairness and impartiality	46	17	2	0	1	66	3.6	21	8	1	2	1	33	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equal treatment regardless of race	41	10	1	0	0	52	3.8	24	5	1	1	0	31	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	47	13	1	0	1	62	3.7	24	5	1	2	0	32	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	37	8	1	0	0	46	3.8	22	5	1	1	0	29	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	40	8	1	0	0	49	3.8	23	5	1	1	0	30	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	37	8	1	0	0	46	3.8	22	5	1	0	0	28	3.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equal treatment regardless of age	43	11	1	0	0	55	3.8	24	5	1	1	0	31	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	38	8	1	0	0	47	3.8	22	5	1	0	0	28	3.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	44	10	1	0	1	56	3.7	24	5	1	0	2	32	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Section III: Communication Skills	47	15	3	0	0	65	3.7	21	5	2	1	1	29	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	47	18	2	0	0	67	3.7														
Clear and logical written decisions	44	13	5	0	0	62	3.6														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	51	14	1	1	0	67	3.7														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								23	5	2	1	1	32	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Explained reason for delays								19	5	1	1	0	26	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Section IV: Judicial temperament	50	14	2	1	0	67	3.7	24	5	1	1	0	31	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Understanding and compassion	46	17	1	1	0	65	3.7	24	5	1	1	1	32	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dignified	51	13	2	1	0	67	3.7	22	6	2	1	0	31	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Courteous	51	14	2	0	0	67	3.7	25	4	1	2	0	32	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	50	14	2	0	1	67	3.7	24	4	1	1	1	31	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patient	50	14	2	1	0	67	3.7	23	5	1	2	0	31	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Section V: Administrative Performance	47	15	3	0	0	66	3.7	25	4	3	0	0	33	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	47	18	2	0	0	67	3.7	25	5	3	0	0	33	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	49	15	1	1	0	66	3.7	25	4	4	0	0	33	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	40	17	6	0	0	63	3.5														
Was prepared for the proceedings	48	13	5	0	0	66	3.7	25	4	3	1	0	33	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	52	11	3	0	0	66	3.7														
Section VI: Settlement Activities	18	9	1	0	0	28	3.6														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	18	9	1	0	0	28	3.6														

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 101					Assignment: Family					Cycle: 2021 & 2023							
Hon. Patricia A. Starr	ATTORNEY					68 Mean	LIT/WIT/PROPER					33 Mean	JUROR					0 Mean
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	
Section I: Legal Ability	65%	31%	2%	2%	0%	3.6												
Legal reasoning ability	64%	33%	2%	2%	0%	3.6												
Knowledge of substantive law	64%	31%	3%	2%	0%	3.6												
Knowledge of rules of evidence	66%	30%	2%	2%	0%	3.6												
Knowledge of rules of procedure	66%	31%	2%	2%	0%	3.6												
Section II: Integrity	78%	19%	2%	0%	1%	3.7	75%	18%	3%	3%	1%	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Basic fairness and impartiality	70%	26%	3%	0%	2%	3.6	64%	24%	3%	6%	3%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Equal treatment regardless of race	79%	19%	2%	0%	0%	3.8	77%	16%	3%	3%	0%	3.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	76%	21%	2%	0%	2%	3.7	75%	16%	3%	6%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	80%	17%	2%	0%	0%	3.8	76%	17%	3%	3%	0%	3.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	82%	16%	2%	0%	0%	3.8	77%	17%	3%	3%	0%	3.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	80%	17%	2%	0%	0%	3.8	79%	18%	4%	0%	0%	3.8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Equal treatment regardless of age	78%	20%	2%	0%	0%	3.8	77%	16%	3%	3%	0%	3.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	81%	17%	2%	0%	0%	3.8	79%	18%	4%	0%	0%	3.8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	79%	18%	2%	0%	2%	3.7	75%	16%	3%	0%	6%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Section III: Communication Skills	72%	23%	4%	1%	0%	3.7	72%	17%	5%	3%	2%	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Clear and logical communications																		
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	70%	27%	3%	0%	0%	3.7												
Clear and logical written decisions	71%	21%	8%	0%	0%	3.6												
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	76%	21%	1%	1%	0%	3.7												
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							72%	16%	6%	3%	3%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Explained reason for delays							73%	19%	4%	4%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Section IV: Judicial temperament	74%	22%	3%	1%	0%	3.7	75%	15%	4%	4%	1%	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Understanding and compassion	71%	26%	2%	2%	0%	3.7	75%	16%	3%	3%	3%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Dignified	76%	19%	3%	1%	0%	3.7	71%	19%	6%	3%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Courteous	76%	21%	3%	0%	0%	3.7	78%	13%	3%	6%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	75%	21%	3%	0%	1%	3.7	77%	13%	3%	3%	3%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Patient	75%	21%	3%	1%	0%	3.7	74%	16%	3%	6%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Section V: Administrative Performance	72%	23%	5%	0%	0%	3.7	76%	13%	10%	1%	0%	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	70%	27%	3%	0%	0%	3.7	76%	15%	9%	0%	0%	3.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	74%	23%	2%	2%	0%	3.7	76%	12%	12%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	63%	27%	10%	0%	0%	3.5												
Was prepared for the proceedings	73%	20%	8%	0%	0%	3.7	76%	12%	9%	3%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Respectful treatment of staff																		
Cooperation with peers																		
Efficient management of calendar	79%	17%	5%	0%	0%	3.7												
Section VI: Settlement Activities	64%	32%	4%	0%	0%	3.6												
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Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 21					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Patricia A. Starr	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	17	0	1	0	0	19	4.9
Decisions based on law and facts	17	1	1	0	0	19	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	18	0	1	0	0	19	4.9
Knowledge of rules of procedure	17	0	1	0	0	18	4.9
Section II: Integrity	18	0	1	0	0	19	4.9
Unbiased and impartial	18	0	1	0	0	19	4.9
Section III: Communication Skills	17	0	2	0	0	19	4.8
Communication skills	17	0	2	0	0	19	4.8
Section IV: Judicial temperament	16	1	1	0	0	18	4.8
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	17	1	1	0	0	19	4.8
Respectful to all individuals	15	1	1	0	0	17	4.8
Section V: Administrative Performance	15	0	2	0	0	17	4.8
Works effectively with other judges	16	0	3	0	0	19	4.7
Works effectively with court personnel	14	0	1	0	0	15	4.9
Efficient management of calendar	14	0	1	0	0	15	4.9
Does a fair share of work	17	0	1	0	0	18	4.9

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Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 21					Fall 2023
Hon. Patricia A. Starr	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
Section I: Legal Ability	93%	2%	5%	0%	0%	4.9
Decisions based on law and facts	89%	5%	5%	0%	0%	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	95%	0%	5%	0%	0%	4.9
Knowledge of rules of procedure	94%	0%	6%	0%	0%	4.9
Section II: Integrity	95%	0%	5%	0%	0%	4.9
Unbiased and impartial	95%	0%	5%	0%	0%	4.9
Section III: Communication Skills	89%	0%	11%	0%	0%	4.8
Communication skills	89%	0%	11%	0%	0%	4.8
Section IV: Judicial temperament	89%	6%	6%	0%	0%	4.8
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	89%	5%	5%	0%	0%	4.8
Respectful to all individuals	88%	6%	6%	0%	0%	4.8
Section V: Administrative Performance	91%	0%	9%	0%	0%	4.8
Works effectively with other judges	84%	0%	16%	0%	0%	4.7
Works effectively with court personnel	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	4.9
Efficient management of calendar	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	4.9
Does a fair share of work	94%	0%	6%	0%	0%	4.9

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