

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. Suzanne E. Cohen**

<b>2024</b>		
<b>Evaluation Category</b>	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	108	99%
Integrity	188	98%
Communication Skills	198	97%
Judicial Temperament	208	96%
Administrative Performance	203	98%
Settlement Activities	80	100%

Responses based upon 210 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 1105 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. Suzanne E. Cohen** Total Surveys: **210** Assignment: **Criminal** Cycle: **2021 & 2023**

	ATTORNEY					116		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					37		JUROR					57	
	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>78</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>3.6</b>														
Legal reasoning ability	78	24	6	0	1	109	3.6														
Knowledge of substantive law	78	23	5	0	1	107	3.7														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	76	26	3	0	1	106	3.7														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	78	26	4	0	1	109	3.7														
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Basic fairness and impartiality	76	22	10	4	1	113	3.5	27	4	3	1	2	37	3.4	54	3	0	0	0	57	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of race	80	18	5	1	0	104	3.7	24	5	4	2	0	35	3.5	53	3	1	0	0	57	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of gender	79	18	4	3	1	105	3.6	25	6	4	1	0	36	3.5	51	3	0	0	0	54	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of religion	72	14	5	1	0	92	3.7	21	5	3	1	0	30	3.5	48	3	0	0	0	51	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	78	15	5	1	0	99	3.7	21	4	3	2	1	31	3.4	48	3	0	0	0	51	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of disability	73	15	5	2	0	95	3.7	22	5	2	2	0	31	3.5	49	3	0	0	0	52	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of age	78	18	6	1	0	103	3.7	25	5	3	1	0	34	3.6	50	3	0	0	0	53	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	73	14	5	1	0	93	3.7	20	5	3	1	0	29	3.5	48	3	0	0	0	51	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	79	16	5	1	0	101	3.7	22	6	2	2	0	32	3.5	49	3	1	0	0	53	3.9
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	74	29	8	1	1	113	3.5														
Clear and logical written decisions	66	20	5	1	1	93	3.6														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	82	21	6	4	1	114	3.6														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								24	4	4	1	1	34	3.4	52	5	0	0	0	57	3.9
Explained reason for delays								24	5	3	1	1	34	3.5	52	3	0	1	0	56	3.9
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															53	4	0	0	0	57	3.9
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Understanding and compassion	71	22	12	4	1	110	3.4	26	3	5	1	1	36	3.4	52	4	0	0	0	56	3.9
Dignified	75	24	8	6	2	115	3.4	26	5	2	2	1	36	3.5	51	6	0	0	0	57	3.9
Courteous	78	22	8	4	3	115	3.5	26	6	3	1	1	37	3.5	53	4	0	0	0	57	3.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	76	23	10	4	2	115	3.5	28	4	1	2	2	37	3.5	53	4	0	0	0	57	3.9
Patient	71	21	14	4	3	113	3.4	26	7	2	0	2	37	3.5	53	4	0	0	0	57	3.9
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Punctual in conducting proceedings	77	31	5	0	0	113	3.6	24	6	2	3	0	35	3.5	48	7	2	0	0	57	3.8
Maintained proper control of courtroom	81	23	7	0	1	112	3.6	24	5	3	2	0	34	3.5	51	6	0	0	0	57	3.9
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	78	21	5	0	1	105	3.7														
Was prepared for the proceedings	85	26	1	0	1	113	3.7	24	6	1	2	1	34	3.5	50	6	1	0	0	57	3.9
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	84	21	5	1	0	111	3.7														
<b>Section VI: Settlement Activities</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3.8</b>														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	63	14	3	0	0	80	3.8														

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 210					Assignment: Criminal					Cycle: 2021 & 2023								
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Hon. Suzanne E. Cohen	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>72%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.6</b>													
Legal reasoning ability	72%	22%	6%	0%	1%	3.6													
Knowledge of substantive law	73%	21%	5%	0%	1%	3.7													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	72%	25%	3%	0%	1%	3.7													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	72%	24%	4%	0%	1%	3.7													
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.9</b>	
Basic fairness and impartiality	67%	19%	9%	4%	1%	3.5	73%	11%	8%	3%	5%	3.4	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of race	77%	17%	5%	1%	0%	3.7	69%	14%	11%	6%	0%	3.5	93%	5%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	75%	17%	4%	3%	1%	3.6	69%	17%	11%	3%	0%	3.5	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	78%	15%	5%	1%	0%	3.7	70%	17%	10%	3%	0%	3.5	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	79%	15%	5%	1%	0%	3.7	68%	13%	10%	6%	3%	3.4	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	77%	16%	5%	2%	0%	3.7	71%	16%	6%	6%	0%	3.5	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of age	76%	17%	6%	1%	0%	3.7	74%	15%	9%	3%	0%	3.6	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	78%	15%	5%	1%	0%	3.7	69%	17%	10%	3%	0%	3.5	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
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<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.9</b>	
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Explained proceedings (to the jury)							71%	12%	12%	3%	3%	3.4	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
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Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	66%	20%	9%	3%	2%	3.5	76%	11%	3%	5%	5%	3.5	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Patient	63%	19%	12%	4%	3%	3.4	70%	19%	5%	0%	5%	3.5	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
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	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Suzanne E. Cohen	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Decisions based on law and facts	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Knowledge of rules of evidence	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Knowledge of rules of procedure	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Unbiased and impartial	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Communication skills	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Respectful to all individuals	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Works effectively with other judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Works effectively with court personnel	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Efficient management of calendar	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Does a fair share of work	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!

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