

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 Pima County

Hon. Brenden J. Griffin

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	61	90%
Integrity	278	97%
Communication Skills	294	97%
Judicial Temperament	321	96%
Administrative Performance	295	98%
Settlement Activities	17	94%

Responses based upon 327 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 1566 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. Brenden J. Griffin** Total Surveys: **323** Assignment: **Criminal** Cycle: **2021 & 2023**

	ATTORNEY					65		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					108		JUROR					150	
	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	21	17	14	6	0	57	2.9														
Legal reasoning ability	23	17	15	6	0	61	2.9														
Knowledge of substantive law	20	17	16	5	0	58	2.9														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	20	15	11	7	0	53	2.9														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	21	17	12	7	0	57	2.9														
Section II: Integrity	21	10	13	4	0	49	3.0	58	20	10	1	2	92	3.4	120	11	2	0	0	133	3.9
Basic fairness and impartiality	27	8	19	8	1	63	2.8	65	21	12	1	4	103	3.4	135	12	2	0	0	149	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of race	20	12	13	4	0	49	3.0	60	21	11	0	3	95	3.4	127	11	2	0	0	140	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of gender	23	11	15	4	0	53	3.0	59	21	10	2	2	94	3.4	131	12	2	0	0	145	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of religion	20	10	11	2	0	43	3.1	53	23	9	1	1	87	3.4	106	11	2	0	0	119	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	20	10	12	3	0	45	3.0	58	19	10	1	2	90	3.4	110	11	2	0	1	124	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of disability	21	10	11	2	0	44	3.1	54	19	10	1	3	87	3.4	112	10	2	0	0	124	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of age	21	11	13	3	0	48	3.0	59	20	9	1	2	91	3.5	130	11	2	0	0	143	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	19	10	8	4	0	41	3.1	55	19	9	1	1	85	3.5	104	11	2	0	0	117	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	22	11	12	6	0	51	3.0	59	19	10	1	3	92	3.4	125	12	2	0	1	140	3.9
Section III: Communication Skills	24	17	10	7	0	58	3.0	57	15	10	1	3	85	3.4	133	10	4	0	0	147	3.9
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	26	22	10	7	0	65	3.0														
Clear and logical written decisions	17	14	10	4	0	45	3.0														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	30	15	11	9	0	65	3.0														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								62	14	10	1	3	90	3.5	134	10	4	0	0	148	3.9
Explained reason for delays								51	16	10	0	2	79	3.4	129	10	6	0	0	145	3.8
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															136	9	3	1	0	149	3.9
Section IV: Judicial temperament	26	15	16	6	3	65	2.8	70	19	9	2	4	104	3.5	138	9	2	0	0	149	3.9
Understanding and compassion	23	11	17	10	4	65	2.6	66	19	11	1	5	102	3.4	135	10	2	0	0	147	3.9
Dignified	29	19	13	2	2	65	3.1	72	19	7	3	3	104	3.5	139	8	2	0	0	149	3.9
Courteous	27	18	15	2	3	65	3.0	71	21	9	1	3	105	3.5	140	8	2	0	0	150	3.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	28	13	17	4	3	65	2.9	68	19	10	1	4	102	3.4	139	8	3	0	0	150	3.9
Patient	21	12	17	10	4	64	2.6	74	18	7	3	3	105	3.5	136	10	2	0	0	148	3.9
Section V: Administrative Performance	31	19	10	3	0	64	3.2	51	18	8	1	1	79	3.5	133	12	4	0	0	149	3.9
Punctual in conducting proceedings	32	24	8	1	0	65	3.3	56	17	8	1	1	83	3.5	122	20	7	0	0	149	3.8
Maintained proper control of courtroom	34	19	10	2	0	65	3.3	47	16	9	0	1	73	3.5	139	8	2	0	0	149	3.9
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	27	19	11	2	0	59	3.2														
Was prepared for the proceedings	32	17	11	4	0	64	3.2	50	22	6	2	1	81	3.5	138	9	2	0	0	149	3.9
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	29	17	11	6	2	65	3.0														
Section VI: Settlement Activities	9	5	2	1	0	17	3.3														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	9	5	2	1	0	17	3.3														

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ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 323					Assignment: Criminal					Cycle: 2021 & 2023							
	ATTORNEY					65	LIT/WIT/PRO PER					108	JUROR					150
Hon. Brenden J. Griffin	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean
Section I: Legal Ability	37%	29%	24%	11%	0%	2.9												
Legal reasoning ability	38%	28%	25%	10%	0%	2.9												
Knowledge of substantive law	34%	29%	28%	9%	0%	2.9												
Knowledge of rules of evidence	38%	28%	21%	13%	0%	2.9												
Knowledge of rules of procedure	37%	30%	21%	12%	0%	2.9												
Section II: Integrity	44%	21%	26%	8%	0%	3.0	63%	22%	11%	1%	3%	3.4	90%	8%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Basic fairness and impartiality	43%	13%	30%	13%	2%	2.8	63%	20%	12%	1%	4%	3.4	91%	8%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of race	41%	24%	27%	8%	0%	3.0	63%	22%	12%	0%	3%	3.4	91%	8%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of gender	43%	21%	28%	8%	0%	3.0	63%	22%	11%	2%	2%	3.4	90%	8%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of religion	47%	23%	26%	5%	0%	3.1	61%	26%	10%	1%	1%	3.4	89%	9%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	44%	22%	27%	7%	0%	3.0	64%	21%	11%	1%	2%	3.4	89%	9%	2%	0%	1%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of disability	48%	23%	25%	5%	0%	3.1	62%	22%	11%	1%	3%	3.4	90%	8%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of age	44%	23%	27%	6%	0%	3.0	65%	22%	10%	1%	2%	3.5	91%	8%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	46%	24%	20%	10%	0%	3.1	65%	22%	11%	1%	1%	3.5	89%	9%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	43%	22%	24%	12%	0%	3.0	64%	21%	11%	1%	3%	3.4	89%	9%	1%	0%	1%	3.9
Section III: Communication Skills	42%	29%	18%	11%	0%	3.0	67%	18%	12%	1%	3%	3.4	90%	7%	3%	0%	0%	3.9
Clear and logical communications																		
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	40%	34%	15%	11%	0%	3.0												
Clear and logical written decisions	38%	31%	22%	9%	0%	3.0												
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	46%	23%	17%	14%	0%	3.0												
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							69%	16%	11%	1%	3%	3.5	91%	7%	3%	0%	0%	3.9
Explained reason for delays							65%	20%	13%	0%	3%	3.4	89%	7%	4%	0%	0%	3.8
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													91%	6%	2%	1%	0%	3.9
Section IV: Judicial temperament	40%	23%	24%	9%	5%	2.8	68%	19%	8%	2%	3%	3.5	93%	6%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Understanding and compassion	35%	17%	26%	15%	6%	2.6	65%	19%	11%	1%	5%	3.4	92%	7%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Dignified	45%	29%	20%	3%	3%	3.1	69%	18%	7%	3%	3%	3.5	93%	5%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Courteous	42%	28%	23%	3%	5%	3.0	68%	20%	9%	1%	3%	3.5	93%	5%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	43%	20%	26%	6%	5%	2.9	67%	19%	10%	1%	4%	3.4	93%	5%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Patient	33%	19%	27%	16%	6%	2.6	70%	17%	7%	3%	3%	3.5	92%	7%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Section V: Administrative Performance	48%	30%	16%	5%	1%	3.2	65%	23%	10%	1%	1%	3.5	89%	8%	2%	0%	0%	3.9
Punctual in conducting proceedings	49%	37%	12%	2%	0%	3.3	67%	20%	10%	1%	1%	3.5	82%	13%	5%	0%	0%	3.8
Maintained proper control of courtroom	52%	29%	15%	3%	0%	3.3	64%	22%	12%	0%	1%	3.5	93%	5%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	46%	32%	19%	3%	0%	3.2												
Was prepared for the proceedings	50%	27%	17%	6%	0%	3.2	62%	27%	7%	2%	1%	3.5	93%	6%	1%	0%	0%	3.9
Respectful treatment of staff																		
Cooperation with peers																		
Efficient management of calendar	45%	26%	17%	9%	3%	3.0												
Section VI: Settlement Activities	53%	29%	12%	6%	0%	3.3												
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	53%	29%	12%	6%	0%	3.3												

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 4					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Brenden J. Griffin	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Decisions based on law and facts	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Knowledge of rules of evidence	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Knowledge of rules of procedure	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Section II: Integrity	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Unbiased and impartial	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Section III: Communication Skills	1	2	1	0	0	4	4.0
Communication skills	1	2	1	0	0	4	4.0
Section IV: Judicial temperament	3	1	1	0	0	4	4.6
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	1	1	1	0	0	3	4.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	2	1	1	0	0	4	4.4
Works effectively with other judges	1	0	3	0	0	4	3.5
Works effectively with court personnel	1	2	0	0	0	3	4.3
Efficient management of calendar	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Does a fair share of work	3	1	0	0	0	4	4.8

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 4					Fall 2023
Hon. Brenden J. Griffin	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
Section I: Legal Ability	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Decisions based on law and facts	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Knowledge of rules of evidence	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Knowledge of rules of procedure	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Section II: Integrity	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Unbiased and impartial	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Section III: Communication Skills	25%	50%	25%	0%	0%	4.0
Communication skills	25%	50%	25%	0%	0%	4.0
Section IV: Judicial temperament	71%	14%	14%	0%	0%	4.6
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	33%	33%	33%	0%	0%	4.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	60%	20%	20%	0%	0%	4.4
Works effectively with other judges	25%	0%	75%	0%	0%	3.5
Works effectively with court personnel	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%	4.3
Efficient management of calendar	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Does a fair share of work	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8

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