

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. Joan Wagener

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	58	98%
Integrity	114	97%
Communication Skills	111	95%
Judicial Temperament	119	91%
Administrative Performance	118	95%
Settlement Activities	26	100%

Responses based upon 127 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 580 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. Joan Wagener** Total Surveys: **123** Assignment: **Juvenile** Cycle: **2021 & 2023**

Name of Judge:	ATTORNEY					58		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					65		JUROR					0	
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean
Hon. Joan Wagener																					
Section I: Legal Ability	27	15	13	1	0	56	3.2														
Legal reasoning ability	25	15	15	2	0	57	3.1														
Knowledge of substantive law	28	18	10	1	0	57	3.3														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	25	14	14	0	0	53	3.2														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	28	13	13	1	0	55	3.2														
Section II: Integrity	34	9	7	1	0	51	3.4	37	15	5	1	0	58	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	26	15	8	4	1	54	3.1	30	22	6	3	0	61	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	35	9	8	1	0	53	3.5	40	14	6	1	0	61	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	35	7	8	2	1	53	3.4	37	15	7	1	0	60	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	34	8	7	0	0	49	3.6	37	13	4	1	0	55	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	35	7	7	1	0	50	3.5	40	15	4	1	0	60	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	34	7	7	1	0	49	3.5	38	13	5	0	1	57	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	34	8	8	0	2	52	3.4	39	14	4	1	0	58	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	34	9	8	0	0	51	3.5	36	13	4	1	0	54	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	35	9	5	2	0	51	3.5	40	14	5	1	0	60	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section III: Communication Skills	22	13	12	5	1	53	3.0	37	12	6	1	0	55	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	20	11	16	6	1	54	2.8														
Clear and logical written decisions	22	15	12	1	0	50	3.2														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	25	13	8	7	1	54	3.0														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								39	13	6	0	0	58	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Explained reason for delays								34	10	6	1	0	51	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section IV: Judicial temperament	23	15	9	7	2	55	2.9	40	12	6	2	0	60	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Understanding and compassion	24	15	9	4	3	55	3.0	38	11	7	4	0	60	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Dignified	28	12	8	6	1	55	3.1	42	11	6	1	0	60	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Courteous	22	16	8	7	2	55	2.9	41	12	7	1	0	61	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	24	14	7	9	1	55	2.9	42	11	5	2	0	60	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Patient	17	16	11	9	2	55	2.7	37	16	5	2	0	60	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	23	14	12	3	2	54	3.0	41	13	5	1	0	61	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	16	16	13	5	4	54	2.6	37	15	8	1	0	61	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	27	16	8	2	1	54	3.2	43	12	4	1	1	61	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	19	15	17	2	1	54	2.9														
Was prepared for the proceedings	31	15	7	1	0	54	3.4	44	12	4	1	0	61	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	20	10	16	5	3	54	2.7														
Section VI: Settlement Activities	13	9	4	0	0	26	3.3														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	13	9	4	0	0	26	3.3														

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 123					Assignment: Juvenile					Cycle: 2021 & 2023								
	ATTORNEY					58	LIT/WIT/PRO PER					65	JUROR					0	
Hon. Joan Wagener	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	
Section I: Legal Ability	48%	27%	23%	2%	0%	3.2													
Legal reasoning ability	44%	26%	26%	4%	0%	3.1													
Knowledge of substantive law	49%	32%	18%	2%	0%	3.3													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	47%	26%	26%	0%	0%	3.2													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	51%	24%	24%	2%	0%	3.2													
Section II: Integrity	65%	17%	14%	2%	1%	3.4	64%	25%	9%	2%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Basic fairness and impartiality	48%	28%	15%	7%	2%	3.1	49%	36%	10%	5%	0%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of race	66%	17%	15%	2%	0%	3.5	66%	23%	10%	2%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	66%	13%	15%	4%	2%	3.4	62%	25%	12%	2%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	69%	16%	14%	0%	0%	3.6	67%	24%	7%	2%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	70%	14%	14%	2%	0%	3.5	67%	25%	7%	2%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	69%	14%	14%	2%	0%	3.5	67%	23%	9%	0%	2%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of age	65%	15%	15%	0%	4%	3.4	67%	24%	7%	2%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	67%	18%	16%	0%	0%	3.5	67%	24%	7%	2%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	69%	18%	10%	4%	0%	3.5	67%	23%	8%	2%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section III: Communication Skills	42%	25%	23%	9%	1%	3.0	67%	21%	11%	1%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	37%	20%	30%	11%	2%	2.8													
Clear and logical written decisions	44%	30%	24%	2%	0%	3.2													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	46%	24%	15%	13%	2%	3.0													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							67%	22%	10%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Explained reason for delays							67%	20%	12%	2%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section IV: Judicial temperament	42%	27%	16%	13%	3%	2.9	66%	20%	10%	3%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Understanding and compassion	44%	27%	16%	7%	5%	3.0	63%	18%	12%	7%	0%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Dignified	51%	22%	15%	11%	2%	3.1	70%	18%	10%	2%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Courteous	40%	29%	15%	13%	4%	2.9	67%	20%	11%	2%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	44%	25%	13%	16%	2%	2.9	70%	18%	8%	3%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Patient	31%	29%	20%	16%	4%	2.7	62%	27%	8%	3%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section V: Administrative Performance	42%	27%	23%	6%	3%	3.0	68%	21%	9%	2%	1%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	30%	30%	24%	9%	7%	2.6	61%	25%	13%	2%	0%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	50%	30%	15%	4%	2%	3.2	70%	20%	7%	2%	2%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	35%	28%	31%	4%	2%	2.9													
Was prepared for the proceedings	57%	28%	13%	2%	0%	3.4	72%	20%	7%	2%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Respectful treatment of staff																			
Cooperation with peers																			
Efficient management of calendar	37%	19%	30%	9%	6%	2.7													
Section VI: Settlement Activities	50%	35%	15%	0%	0%	3.3													
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	50%	35%	15%	0%	0%	3.3													

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 4					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Joan Wagener	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	2	1	0	0	0	3	4.5
Decisions based on law and facts	2	1	0	0	0	3	4.7
Knowledge of rules of evidence	2	1	0	0	0	3	4.7
Knowledge of rules of procedure	1	0	1	0	0	2	4.0
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	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	2	1	1	0	0	3	4.5
Works effectively with other judges	3	1	0	0	0	4	4.8
Works effectively with court personnel	2	1	0	0	0	3	4.7
Efficient management of calendar	2	0	1	0	0	3	4.3
Does a fair share of work	2	0	1	0	0	3	4.3

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Superior Court

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Hon. Joan Wagener	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
Section I: Legal Ability	63%	25%	13%	0%	0%	4.5
Decisions based on law and facts	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	4.7
Knowledge of rules of evidence	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	4.7
Knowledge of rules of procedure	50%	0%	50%	0%	0%	4.0
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	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	69%	15%	15%	0%	0%	4.5
Works effectively with other judges	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Works effectively with court personnel	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	4.7
Efficient management of calendar	67%	0%	33%	0%	0%	4.3
Does a fair share of work	67%	0%	33%	0%	0%	4.3

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