

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. Sara Agne

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	65	93%
Integrity	113	99%
Communication Skills	139	97%
Judicial Temperament	140	98%
Administrative Performance	139	98%
Administrative Skills		
Settlement Activities	10	90%

Responses based upon 147 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 477 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. Sara Agne** Total Surveys: 132 Assignment: Civil Cycle: 2021 & 2023

Name of Judge:	ATTORNEY					63		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					9		JUROR					60		
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	
Hon. Sara Agne																						
Section I: Legal Ability	33	9	5	3	2	51	3.3															
Legal reasoning ability	33	11	5	5	2	56	3.2															
Knowledge of substantive law	31	10	6	4	2	53	3.2															
Knowledge of rules of evidence	31	3	4	1	1	40	3.6															
Knowledge of rules of procedure	35	13	6	1	1	56	3.4															
Section II: Integrity	24	6	4	0	0	35	3.6	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.7	53	5	1	0	0	59	3.9	
Basic fairness and impartiality	39	11	8	2	0	60	3.5	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	54	5	1	0	0	60	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of race	23	6	4	0	0	33	3.6	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	53	5	1	0	0	59	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	25	5	4	0	0	34	3.6	8	0	0	0	0	8	4.0	54	4	1	0	0	59	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	21	6	3	0	0	30	3.6	8	0	0	0	0	8	4.0	53	4	1	0	0	58	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	22	6	3	0	0	31	3.6	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	53	5	1	0	0	59	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	21	5	3	0	0	29	3.6	8	0	0	0	0	8	4.0	54	5	1	0	0	60	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of age	25	6	3	0	0	34	3.6	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	54	5	1	0	0	60	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	19	5	3	0	0	27	3.6	8	0	0	0	0	8	4.0	53	5	1	0	0	59	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	23	7	3	0	0	33	3.6	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	53	5	1	0	0	59	3.9	
Section III: Communication Skills	37	11	6	2	2	58	3.4	8	1	0	0	1	9	3.7	54	4	1	0	0	59	3.9	
Clear and logical communications																						
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	37	14	7	2	1	61	3.4															
Clear and logical written decisions	30	11	4	3	4	52	3.2															
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	45	7	6	1	1	60	3.6															
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								7	1	0	0	1	9	3.4	54	6	0	0	0	60	3.9	
Explained reason for delays								8	0	0	0	0	8	4.0	51	4	2	0	0	57	3.9	
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															56	3	0	1	0	60	3.9	
Section IV: Judicial temperament	40	9	7	1	1	57	3.5	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.5	55	4	0	0	0	60	3.9	
Understanding and compassion	34	10	8	0	1	53	3.4	7	1	0	0	1	9	3.4	54	5	0	0	0	59	3.9	
Dignified	40	10	7	0	0	57	3.6	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	55	4	1	0	0	60	3.9	
Courteous	45	8	7	0	0	60	3.6	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	56	4	0	0	0	60	3.9	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	41	9	5	3	1	59	3.5	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	56	4	0	0	0	60	3.9	
Patient	40	9	7	1	1	58	3.5	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	54	5	1	0	0	60	3.9	
Section V: Administrative Performance	42	10	4	1	1	58	3.6	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	55	5	0	0	0	60	3.9	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	46	10	3	1	1	61	3.6	8	0	1	0	0	9	3.8	53	7	0	0	0	60	3.9	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	46	8	4	0	1	59	3.7	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	56	4	0	0	0	60	3.9	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	38	11	5	1	2	57	3.4															
Was prepared for the proceedings	42	10	6	2	0	60	3.5	8	0	0	0	1	9	3.6	56	4	0	0	0	60	3.9	
Respectful treatment of staff																						
Cooperation with peers																						
Efficient management of calendar	36	11	4	2	0	53	3.5															
Section VI: Settlement Activities	6	2	1	1	0	10	3.3															
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	6	2	1	1	0	10	3.3															

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 132						Assignment: Civil					Cycle: 2021 & 2023							
	ATTORNEY					63	LIT/WIT/PROPER					9	JUROR					60	
Hon. Sara Agne	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	
Section I: Legal Ability	63%	18%	10%	5%	3%	3.3													
Legal reasoning ability	59%	20%	9%	9%	4%	3.2													
Knowledge of substantive law	58%	19%	11%	8%	4%	3.2													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	78%	8%	10%	3%	3%	3.6													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	63%	23%	11%	2%	2%	3.4													
Section II: Integrity	70%	18%	11%	1%	0%	3.6	94%	0%	0%	0%	6%	3.7	90%	8%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Basic fairness and impartiality	65%	18%	13%	3%	0%	3.5	89%	0%	0%	0%	11%	3.6	90%	8%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of race	70%	18%	12%	0%	0%	3.6	89%	0%	0%	0%	11%	3.6	90%	8%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	74%	15%	12%	0%	0%	3.6	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	92%	7%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	70%	20%	10%	0%	0%	3.6	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	91%	7%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	71%	19%	10%	0%	0%	3.6	89%	0%	0%	0%	11%	3.6	90%	8%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	72%	17%	10%	0%	0%	3.6	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	90%	8%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of age	74%	18%	9%	0%	0%	3.6	89%	0%	0%	0%	11%	3.6	90%	8%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	70%	19%	11%	0%	0%	3.6	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	90%	8%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	70%	21%	9%	0%	0%	3.6	89%	0%	0%	0%	11%	3.6	90%	8%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Section III: Communication Skills	65%	18%	10%	3%	3%	3.4	88%	6%	0%	0%	6%	3.7	91%	7%	1%	1%	0%	3.9	
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	61%	23%	11%	3%	2%	3.4													
Clear and logical written decisions	58%	21%	8%	6%	8%	3.2													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	75%	12%	10%	2%	2%	3.6													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							78%	11%	0%	0%	11%	3.4	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Explained reason for delays							100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	89%	7%	4%	0%	0%	3.9	
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													93%	5%	0%	2%	0%	3.9	
Section IV: Judicial temperament	70%	16%	12%	1%	1%	3.5	87%	2%	0%	0%	11%	3.5	92%	7%	1%	0%	0%	3.9	
Understanding and compassion	64%	19%	15%	0%	2%	3.4	78%	11%	0%	0%	11%	3.4	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Dignified	70%	18%	12%	0%	0%	3.6	89%	0%	0%	0%	11%	3.6	92%	7%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Courteous	75%	13%	12%	0%	0%	3.6	89%	0%	0%	0%	11%	3.6	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	69%	15%	8%	5%	2%	3.5	89%	0%	0%	0%	11%	3.6	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Patient	69%	16%	12%	2%	2%	3.5	89%	0%	0%	0%	11%	3.6	90%	8%	2%	0%	0%	3.9	
Section V: Administrative Performance	72%	17%	8%	2%	1%	3.6	89%	0%	4%	0%	7%	3.6	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	75%	16%	5%	2%	2%	3.6	89%	0%	11%	0%	0%	3.8	88%	12%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	78%	14%	7%	0%	2%	3.7	89%	0%	0%	0%	11%	3.6	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	67%	19%	9%	2%	4%	3.4													
Was prepared for the proceedings	70%	17%	10%	3%	0%	3.5	89%	0%	0%	0%	11%	3.6	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Respectful treatment of staff																			
Cooperation with peers																			
Efficient management of calendar	68%	21%	8%	4%	0%	3.5													
Section VI: Settlement Activities	60%	20%	10%	10%	0%	3.3													
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	60%	20%	10%	10%	0%	3.3													

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 15					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Sara Agne	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	13	1	0	0	0	14	4.9
Decisions based on law and facts	12	2	0	0	0	14	4.9
Knowledge of rules of evidence	13	1	0	0	0	14	4.9
Knowledge of rules of procedure	14	0	0	0	0	14	5.0
Section II: Integrity	10	1	0	0	0	11	4.9
Unbiased and impartial	10	1	0	0	0	11	4.9
Section III: Communication Skills	12	1	1	0	0	14	4.8
Communication skills	12	1	1	0	0	14	4.8
Section IV: Judicial temperament	11	2	1	0	0	14	4.8
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	11	3	0	0	0	14	4.8
Respectful to all individuals	11	1	1	0	0	13	4.8
Section V: Administrative Performance	11	1	0	0	0	12	4.9
Works effectively with other judges	13	1	0	0	0	14	4.9
Works effectively with court personnel	9	2	0	0	0	11	4.8
Efficient management of calendar	9	1	0	0	0	10	4.9
Does a fair share of work	13	1	0	0	0	14	4.9

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 15					Fall 2023
Hon. Sara Agne	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
Section I: Legal Ability	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Decisions based on law and facts	86%	14%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Knowledge of rules of evidence	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Knowledge of rules of procedure	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Section II: Integrity	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Unbiased and impartial	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Section III: Communication Skills	86%	7%	7%	0%	0%	4.8
Communication skills	86%	7%	7%	0%	0%	4.8
Section IV: Judicial temperament	81%	15%	4%	0%	0%	4.8
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	79%	21%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Respectful to all individuals	85%	8%	8%	0%	0%	4.8
Section V: Administrative Performance	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Works effectively with other judges	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Works effectively with court personnel	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Efficient management of calendar	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Does a fair share of work	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4.9

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