

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. Wayne E. Yehling

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	34	98%
Integrity	80	98%
Communication Skills	96	95%
Judicial Temperament	104	95%
Administrative Performance	98	96%
Settlement Activities	14	100%

Responses based upon 111 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 781 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. Wayne E. Yehling** Total Surveys: 106 Assignment: Family Cycle: 2021 & 2023

	ATTORNEY					38		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					68		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	18	10	2	1	0	30	3.5														
Legal reasoning ability	18	11	2	1	0	32	3.4														
Knowledge of substantive law	18	11	2	1	0	32	3.4														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	17	7	2	0	0	26	3.6														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	18	9	3	1	0	31	3.4														
Section II: Integrity	16	4	0	0	0	21	3.7	37	10	6	0	1	54	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	24	8	2	1	0	35	3.6	38	14	8	2	2	64	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	16	4	0	0	0	20	3.8	39	9	7	0	0	55	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	19	5	1	0	0	25	3.7	43	9	7	0	2	61	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	14	3	0	0	0	17	3.8	35	9	5	0	0	49	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	13	4	0	0	0	17	3.8	35	10	5	0	0	50	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	13	3	0	0	0	16	3.8	31	8	6	1	1	47	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	16	4	0	0	0	20	3.8	42	11	5	1	0	59	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	13	3	0	0	0	16	3.8	34	10	5	0	0	49	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	17	5	1	0	0	23	3.7	38	9	6	0	2	55	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section III: Communication Skills	19	9	3	1	0	32	3.5	37	15	6	3	2	62	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	19	12	3	0	0	34	3.5														
Clear and logical written decisions	16	9	3	1	0	29	3.4														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	22	6	2	2	0	32	3.5														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								41	16	5	2	2	66	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Explained reason for delays								33	13	7	3	1	57	3.3	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	24	9	0	1	0	35	3.6	45	11	5	2	1	65	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Understanding and compassion	23	10	1	0	0	34	3.6	40	13	6	3	1	63	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Dignified	24	10	0	1	0	35	3.6	44	12	5	1	2	64	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Courteous	25	7	1	1	0	34	3.6	46	12	5	1	1	65	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	24	9	0	2	0	35	3.6	45	10	6	3	1	65	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Patient	25	9	0	1	0	35	3.7	48	10	5	2	1	66	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	22	7	2	1	0	31	3.6	44	11	5	2	2	63	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	23	8	2	0	0	33	3.6	47	11	4	2	1	65	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	22	5	2	1	0	30	3.6	43	9	6	1	2	61	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	24	7	2	1	0	34	3.6														
Was prepared for the proceedings	22	8	1	1	0	32	3.6	42	12	5	2	2	63	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	20	6	1	1	0	28	3.6														
Section VI: Settlement Activities	10	3	1	0	0	14	3.6														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	10	3	1	0	0	14	3.6														

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 106					Assignment: Family					Cycle: 2021 & 2023								
	ATTORNEY					38	LIT/WIT/PROPER					68	JUROR					0	
Hon. Wayne E. Yehling	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	
Section I: Legal Ability	59%	31%	7%	2%	0%	3.5													
Legal reasoning ability	56%	34%	6%	3%	0%	3.4													
Knowledge of substantive law	56%	34%	6%	3%	0%	3.4													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	65%	27%	8%	0%	0%	3.6													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	58%	29%	10%	3%	0%	3.4													
Section II: Integrity	77%	21%	2%	1%	0%	3.7	69%	18%	11%	1%	1%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Basic fairness and impartiality	69%	23%	6%	3%	0%	3.6	59%	22%	13%	3%	3%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of race	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	71%	16%	13%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	76%	20%	4%	0%	0%	3.7	70%	15%	11%	0%	3%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	71%	18%	10%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	76%	24%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	70%	20%	10%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	81%	19%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	66%	17%	13%	2%	2%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of age	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	71%	19%	8%	2%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	81%	19%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	69%	20%	10%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	74%	22%	4%	0%	0%	3.7	69%	16%	11%	0%	4%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section III: Communication Skills	60%	28%	8%	3%	0%	3.5	60%	24%	10%	4%	2%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	56%	35%	9%	0%	0%	3.5													
Clear and logical written decisions	55%	31%	10%	3%	0%	3.4													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	69%	19%	6%	6%	0%	3.5													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							62%	24%	8%	3%	3%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Explained reason for delays							58%	23%	12%	5%	2%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section IV: Judicial temperament	70%	26%	1%	3%	0%	3.6	69%	18%	8%	3%	2%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Understanding and compassion	68%	29%	3%	0%	0%	3.6	63%	21%	10%	5%	2%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Dignified	69%	29%	0%	3%	0%	3.6	69%	19%	8%	2%	3%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Courteous	74%	21%	3%	3%	0%	3.6	71%	18%	8%	2%	2%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	69%	26%	0%	6%	0%	3.6	69%	15%	9%	5%	2%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Patient	71%	26%	0%	3%	0%	3.7	73%	15%	8%	3%	2%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section V: Administrative Performance	71%	22%	5%	3%	0%	3.6	70%	17%	8%	3%	3%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	70%	24%	6%	0%	0%	3.6	72%	17%	6%	3%	2%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	73%	17%	7%	3%	0%	3.6	70%	15%	10%	2%	3%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	71%	21%	6%	3%	0%	3.6													
Was prepared for the proceedings	69%	25%	3%	3%	0%	3.6	67%	19%	8%	3%	3%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Respectful treatment of staff																			
Cooperation with peers																			
Efficient management of calendar	71%	21%	4%	4%	0%	3.6													
Section VI: Settlement Activities	71%	21%	7%	0%	0%	3.6													
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	71%	21%	7%	0%	0%	3.6													

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 5					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Wayne E. Yehling	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	3	1	0	0	0	4	4.8
Decisions based on law and facts	3	1	0	0	0	4	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	3	1	0	0	0	4	4.8
Knowledge of rules of procedure	3	1	0	0	0	4	4.8
Section II: Integrity	4	0	1	0	0	5	4.6
Unbiased and impartial	4	0	1	0	0	5	4.6
Section III: Communication Skills	2	1	0	0	0	3	4.7
Communication skills	2	1	0	0	0	3	4.7
Section IV: Judicial temperament	3	1	0	1	0	5	4.2
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	3	1	0	1	0	5	4.2
Respectful to all individuals	3	0	0	1	0	4	4.3
Section V: Administrative Performance	3	1	0	0	0	4	4.7
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	1	0	0	0	3	4.7
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: 5					Fall 2023
Hon. Wayne E. Yehling	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
Section I: Legal Ability	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Decisions based on law and facts	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Knowledge of rules of procedure	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Section II: Integrity	80%	0%	20%	0%	0%	4.6
Unbiased and impartial	80%	0%	20%	0%	0%	4.6
Section III: Communication Skills	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	4.7
Communication skills	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	4.7
Section IV: Judicial temperament	67%	11%	0%	22%	0%	4.2
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	60%	20%	0%	20%	0%	4.2
Respectful to all individuals	75%	0%	0%	25%	0%	4.3
Section V: Administrative Performance	71%	29%	0%	0%	0%	4.7
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%	33%	0%	0%	0%	4.7
Does a fair share of work	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8

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