

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. Scott A. Blaney

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	63	97%
Integrity	112	96%
Communication Skills	129	95%
Judicial Temperament	141	95%
Administrative Performance	138	97%
Settlement Activities	30	93%

Responses based upon 160 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 727 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. Scott A. Blaney** Total Surveys: 142 Assignment: Civil Cycle: 2021 & 2023

Name of Judge:	ATTORNEY					54		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					74		JUROR					14	
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean
Hon. Scott A. Blaney	35	9	3	2	0	49	3.6														
Section I: Legal Ability	35	9	3	2	0	49	3.6														
Legal reasoning ability	36	9	3	2	0	50	3.6														
Knowledge of substantive law	35	9	2	3	0	49	3.6														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	32	7	4	1	0	44	3.6														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	38	9	2	2	0	51	3.6														
Section II: Integrity	25	6	1	1	0	33	3.7	38	6	4	1	3	53	3.4	13	0	0	0	0	13	4.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	36	12	1	3	0	52	3.6	41	8	5	3	5	62	3.2	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	24	5	1	0	0	30	3.8	39	9	3	1	2	54	3.5	13	0	0	0	0	13	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	32	8	3	2	0	45	3.6	42	7	2	3	5	59	3.3	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	20	5	0	0	0	25	3.8	34	6	4	0	2	46	3.5	13	0	0	0	0	13	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	22	5	0	0	0	27	3.8	36	5	4	1	2	48	3.5	13	0	0	0	0	13	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	21	3	0	1	0	25	3.8	32	6	5	0	2	45	3.5	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	26	5	0	0	0	31	3.8	40	6	5	1	2	54	3.5	13	0	0	0	0	13	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	19	4	0	0	0	23	3.8	36	3	5	0	2	46	3.5	12	0	0	0	0	12	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	28	6	2	2	0	38	3.6	41	7	5	2	4	59	3.3	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Section III: Communication Skills	36	10	3	1	0	50	3.6	36	6	4	1	4	51	3.4	13	1	0	0	0	14	4.0
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	36	12	3	1	0	52	3.6														
Clear and logical written decisions	33	8	4	1	1	47	3.5														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	38	9	3	2	0	52	3.6														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								42	8	4	1	3	58	3.5	13	1	0	0	0	14	3.9
Explained reason for delays								30	4	4	1	4	43	3.3	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities														13	1	0	0	0	14	3.9	
Section IV: Judicial temperament	38	11	2	1	0	52	3.7	45	7	4	1	5	61	3.4	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Understanding and compassion	37	8	3	3	0	51	3.5	44	6	4	1	6	61	3.3	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Dignified	40	12	1	0	0	53	3.7	43	9	4	1	4	61	3.4	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Courteous	40	11	2	0	0	53	3.7	45	8	4	1	4	62	3.4	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	39	11	1	1	0	52	3.7	46	6	3	0	7	62	3.4	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Patient	36	12	4	0	0	52	3.6	47	5	5	1	3	61	3.5	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	39	9	3	0	0	52	3.7	45	7	4	2	2	60	3.5	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	41	10	2	0	0	53	3.7	45	9	6	1	2	63	3.5	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	39	11	2	1	0	53	3.7	46	6	3	2	1	58	3.6	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	38	9	4	0	0	51	3.7														
Was prepared for the proceedings	41	9	3	0	0	53	3.7	45	7	3	2	3	60	3.5	14	0	0	0	0	14	4.0
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	35	7	6	0	0	48	3.6														
Section VI: Settlement Activities	17	10	1	2	0	30	3.4														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	17	10	1	2	0	30	3.4														

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 142					Assignment: Civil					Cycle: 2021 & 2023								
	ATTORNEY					54	LIT/WIT/PRO PER					74	JUROR					14	
Hon. Scott A. Blaney	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	
Section I: Legal Ability	73%	18%	6%	4%	0%	3.6													
Legal reasoning ability	72%	18%	6%	4%	0%	3.6													
Knowledge of substantive law	71%	18%	4%	6%	0%	3.6													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	73%	16%	9%	2%	0%	3.6													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	75%	18%	4%	4%	0%	3.6													
Section II: Integrity	77%	18%	2%	3%	0%	3.7	72%	12%	8%	2%	5%	3.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Basic fairness and impartiality	69%	23%	2%	6%	0%	3.6	66%	13%	8%	5%	8%	3.2	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Equal treatment regardless of race	80%	17%	3%	0%	0%	3.8	72%	17%	6%	2%	4%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	71%	18%	7%	4%	0%	3.6	71%	12%	3%	5%	8%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	74%	13%	9%	0%	4%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	81%	19%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	75%	10%	8%	2%	4%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	84%	12%	0%	4%	0%	3.8	71%	13%	11%	0%	4%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Equal treatment regardless of age	84%	16%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	74%	11%	9%	2%	4%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	83%	17%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	78%	7%	11%	0%	4%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	74%	16%	5%	5%	0%	3.6	69%	12%	8%	3%	7%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Section III: Communication Skills	71%	19%	7%	3%	1%	3.6	71%	12%	8%	2%	7%	3.4	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	69%	23%	6%	2%	0%	3.6													
Clear and logical written decisions	70%	17%	9%	2%	2%	3.5													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	73%	17%	6%	4%	0%	3.6													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							72%	14%	7%	2%	5%	3.5	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Explained reason for delays							70%	9%	9%	2%	9%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3.9	
Section IV: Judicial temperament	74%	21%	4%	2%	0%	3.7	73%	11%	7%	1%	8%	3.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Understanding and compassion	73%	16%	6%	6%	0%	3.5	72%	10%	7%	2%	10%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Dignified	75%	23%	2%	0%	0%	3.7	70%	15%	7%	2%	7%	3.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Courteous	75%	21%	4%	0%	0%	3.7	73%	13%	6%	2%	6%	3.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	75%	21%	2%	2%	0%	3.7	74%	10%	5%	0%	11%	3.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Patient	69%	23%	8%	0%	0%	3.6	77%	8%	8%	2%	5%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Section V: Administrative Performance	75%	18%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	75%	12%	7%	3%	3%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	77%	19%	4%	0%	0%	3.7	71%	14%	10%	2%	3%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	74%	21%	4%	2%	0%	3.7	79%	10%	5%	3%	2%	3.6	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	75%	18%	8%	0%	0%	3.7													
Was prepared for the proceedings	77%	17%	6%	0%	0%	3.7	75%	12%	5%	3%	5%	3.5	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0	
Respectful treatment of staff																			
Cooperation with peers																			
Efficient management of calendar	73%	15%	13%	0%	0%	3.6													
Section VI: Settlement Activities	57%	33%	3%	7%	0%	3.4													
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	57%	33%	3%	7%	0%	3.4													

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

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Hon. Scott A. Blaney	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	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Knowledge of rules of evidence	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Knowledge of rules of procedure	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Section II: Integrity	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Unbiased and impartial	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Section III: Communication Skills	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Communication skills	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
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	96%	4%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Works effectively with other judges	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Works effectively with court personnel	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Efficient management of calendar	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Does a fair share of work	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9

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