

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. Adele Ponce

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	34	91%
Integrity	109	93%
Communication Skills	121	89%
Judicial Temperament	126	88%
Administrative Performance	126	91%
Settlement Activities	18	89%

Responses based upon 150 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 903 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. Adele Ponce** Total Surveys: **145** Assignment: **Juvenile** Cycle: **2021 & 2023**

	ATTORNEY					31		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					114		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	11	10	5	2	1	30	3.0														
Legal reasoning ability	11	10	7	2	0	30	3.0														
Knowledge of substantive law	11	11	5	2	1	30	3.0														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	12	10	4	2	1	29	3.0														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	11	10	5	3	1	30	2.9														
Section II: Integrity	13	5	5	0	0	23	3.3	43	21	11	3	5	82	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	16	5	6	3	0	30	3.1	43	24	15	7	8	97	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	12	5	5	0	0	22	3.3	47	22	12	3	2	86	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	15	5	7	1	0	28	3.2	45	23	15	1	9	93	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	11	4	5	0	0	20	3.3	43	18	10	1	2	74	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	12	4	4	0	0	20	3.4	44	20	9	2	2	77	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	11	6	4	0	0	21	3.3	37	16	8	3	2	66	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	14	5	5	0	0	24	3.4	45	22	11	4	3	85	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	11	5	4	0	0	20	3.4	41	19	9	2	4	75	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	14	5	5	0	0	24	3.4	45	23	7	2	10	87	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section III: Communication Skills	14	7	5	3	0	30	3.1	43	21	14	7	3	87	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	15	7	3	5	0	30	3.1														
Clear and logical written decisions	12	10	5	3	0	30	3.0														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	16	5	7	2	0	30	3.2														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								49	23	14	7	2	95	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Explained reason for delays								37	18	13	7	3	78	3.0	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	17	5	5	3	0	31	3.2	45	22	13	4	8	92	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Understanding and compassion	16	5	4	4	1	30	3.0	43	20	12	7	9	91	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Dignified	19	4	4	3	0	30	3.3	48	19	12	7	4	90	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Courteous	18	4	7	2	0	31	3.2	46	23	13	3	7	92	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	18	4	4	5	0	31	3.1	44	23	13	3	10	93	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Patient	16	7	4	3	1	31	3.1	45	24	14	1	8	92	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	14	7	5	4	1	31	3.0	46	25	13	4	3	91	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	14	8	3	5	1	31	2.9	46	28	14	2	2	92	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	17	6	5	3	0	31	3.2	48	23	13	4	2	90	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	10	9	7	2	2	30	2.8														
Was prepared for the proceedings	16	8	4	3	0	31	3.2	45	25	11	5	5	91	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	14	6	4	6	0	30	2.9														
Section VI: Settlement Activities	10	4	2	1	1	18	3.2														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	10	4	2	1	1	18	3.2														

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 145						Assignment: Juvenile					Cycle: 2021 & 2023							
	ATTORNEY					31	LIT/WIT/PRO PER					114	JUROR					0	
Hon. Adele Ponce	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	
Section I: Legal Ability	38%	34%	18%	8%	3%	3.0													
Legal reasoning ability	37%	33%	23%	7%	0%	3.0													
Knowledge of substantive law	37%	37%	17%	7%	3%	3.0													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	41%	34%	14%	7%	3%	3.0													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	37%	33%	17%	10%	3%	2.9													
Section II: Integrity	56%	21%	22%	2%	0%	3.3	53%	25%	13%	3%	6%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	53%	17%	20%	10%	0%	3.1	44%	25%	15%	7%	8%	2.9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	55%	23%	23%	0%	0%	3.3	55%	26%	14%	3%	2%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	54%	18%	25%	4%	0%	3.2	48%	25%	16%	1%	10%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	55%	20%	25%	0%	0%	3.3	58%	24%	14%	1%	3%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	60%	20%	20%	0%	0%	3.4	57%	26%	12%	3%	3%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	52%	29%	19%	0%	0%	3.3	56%	24%	12%	5%	3%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	58%	21%	21%	0%	0%	3.4	53%	26%	13%	5%	4%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	55%	25%	20%	0%	0%	3.4	55%	25%	12%	3%	5%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	58%	21%	21%	0%	0%	3.4	52%	26%	8%	2%	11%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Section III: Communication Skills	48%	24%	17%	11%	0%	3.1	50%	24%	16%	8%	3%	3.1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	50%	23%	10%	17%	0%	3.1													
Clear and logical written decisions	40%	33%	17%	10%	0%	3.0													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	53%	17%	23%	7%	0%	3.2													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							52%	24%	15%	7%	2%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Explained reason for delays							47%	23%	17%	9%	4%	3.0	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	57%	16%	15%	11%	1%	3.2	49%	24%	14%	5%	8%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Understanding and compassion	53%	17%	13%	13%	3%	3.0	47%	22%	13%	8%	10%	2.9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Dignified	63%	13%	13%	10%	0%	3.3	53%	21%	13%	8%	4%	3.1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Courteous	58%	13%	23%	6%	0%	3.2	50%	25%	14%	3%	8%	3.1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	58%	13%	13%	16%	0%	3.1	47%	25%	14%	3%	11%	2.9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Patient	52%	23%	13%	10%	3%	3.1	49%	26%	15%	1%	9%	3.1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	46%	24%	15%	12%	2%	3.0	51%	28%	14%	4%	3%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	45%	26%	10%	16%	3%	2.9	50%	30%	15%	2%	2%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	55%	19%	16%	10%	0%	3.2	53%	26%	14%	4%	2%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	33%	30%	23%	7%	7%	2.8													
Was prepared for the proceedings	52%	26%	13%	10%	0%	3.2	49%	27%	12%	5%	5%	3.1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Respectful treatment of staff																			
Cooperation with peers																			
Efficient management of calendar	47%	20%	13%	20%	0%	2.9													
Section VI: Settlement Activities	56%	22%	11%	6%	6%	3.2													
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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 5					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Adele Ponce	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	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Communication skills	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
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	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Works effectively with other judges	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Works effectively with court personnel	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Efficient management of calendar	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Does a fair share of work	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 5					Fall 2023
Hon. Adele Ponce	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	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Communication skills	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
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	100%	0%	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	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Does a fair share of work	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0

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