

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. D. Greg Sakall

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	59	99%
Integrity	146	96%
Communication Skills	159	96%
Judicial Temperament	174	95%
Administrative Performance	163	97%
Settlement Activities	43	98%

Responses based upon 182 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 799 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. D. Greg Sakall** Total Surveys: 177 Assignment: Civil Cycle: 2021 & 2023

Name of Judge:	ATTORNEY					59		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					95		JUROR					23	
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean
Hon. D. Greg Sakall	44	9	0	0	1	54	3.8														
Section I: Legal Ability	44	9	0	0	1	54	3.8														
Legal reasoning ability	45	11	0	1	1	58	3.7														
Knowledge of substantive law	44	11	0	0	1	56	3.7														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	41	7	0	0	0	48	3.9														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	44	8	1	0	0	53	3.8														
Section II: Integrity	34	6	1	0	0	42	3.8	55	13	4	3	4	78	3.5	20	1	0	0	0	21	3.9
Basic fairness and impartiality	43	10	2	1	1	57	3.6	60	14	5	4	7	90	3.3	20	2	0	0	0	22	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of race	32	6	2	0	0	40	3.8	56	13	3	3	3	78	3.5	20	1	0	0	0	21	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	37	6	3	0	1	47	3.7	56	16	7	6	5	90	3.2	21	1	0	0	0	22	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	31	5	1	0	0	37	3.8	53	16	2	2	1	74	3.6	19	1	0	0	0	20	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	33	5	1	0	0	39	3.8	54	14	4	3	2	77	3.5	21	1	0	0	0	22	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	30	6	1	0	0	37	3.8	51	9	2	1	1	64	3.7	20	1	0	0	0	21	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	37	6	1	0	0	44	3.8	59	12	5	0	4	80	3.5	21	1	0	0	0	22	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	30	5	1	0	0	36	3.8	52	11	2	2	2	69	3.6	18	1	0	0	0	19	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	35	7	1	0	0	43	3.8	55	15	4	3	7	84	3.3	17	1	0	0	0	18	3.9
Section III: Communication Skills	43	9	2	1	1	57	3.6	49	18	4	2	3	75	3.4	21	1	0	0	0	23	3.9
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	44	10	1	1	1	57	3.7														
Clear and logical written decisions	44	8	2	1	1	56	3.7														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	42	10	4	0	1	57	3.6														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								53	19	4	3	3	82	3.4	22	1	0	0	0	23	4.0
Explained reason for delays								45	16	4	1	2	68	3.5	21	1	0	0	0	22	4.0
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															21	2	0	0	0	23	3.9
Section IV: Judicial temperament	42	9	4	1	0	57	3.6	62	16	4	3	4	89	3.4	22	0	1	0	0	23	3.9
Understanding and compassion	41	10	4	2	0	57	3.6	60	18	2	3	6	89	3.4	21	0	1	0	0	22	3.9
Dignified	40	11	4	0	0	55	3.7	62	15	6	3	3	89	3.5	22	0	1	0	0	23	3.9
Courteous	45	7	5	0	0	57	3.7	63	17	4	4	2	90	3.5	22	0	1	0	0	23	3.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	44	8	3	1	1	57	3.6	61	14	5	5	5	90	3.3	22	1	0	0	0	23	4.0
Patient	42	9	6	0	0	57	3.6	63	15	5	2	4	89	3.5	22	0	1	0	0	23	3.9
Section V: Administrative Performance	42	8	3	0	0	54	3.7	59	16	3	1	3	83	3.5	21	1	0	0	0	22	3.9
Punctual in conducting proceedings	40	11	4	0	0	55	3.7	59	18	3	1	2	83	3.6	20	2	0	0	0	22	3.9
Maintained proper control of courtroom	43	8	4	0	0	55	3.7	57	15	2	1	5	80	3.5	21	1	0	0	0	22	4.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	42	9	3	0	0	54	3.7														
Was prepared for the proceedings	45	7	1	1	1	55	3.7	60	16	5	2	2	85	3.5	21	1	0	0	0	22	4.0
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	41	6	4	0	1	52	3.7														
Section VI: Settlement Activities	35	5	2	0	1	43	3.7														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	35	5	2	0	1	43	3.7														

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 177						Assignment: Civil					Cycle: 2021 & 2023						
	ATTORNEY					59	LIT/WIT/PROPER					95	JUROR					23
Hon. D. Greg Sakall	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean
Section I: Legal Ability	81%	17%	0%	0%	1%	3.8												
Legal reasoning ability	78%	19%	0%	2%	2%	3.7												
Knowledge of substantive law	79%	20%	0%	0%	2%	3.7												
Knowledge of rules of evidence	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%	3.9												
Knowledge of rules of procedure	83%	15%	2%	0%	0%	3.8												
Section II: Integrity	81%	15%	3%	0%	1%	3.8	70%	17%	5%	3%	5%	3.5	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Basic fairness and impartiality	75%	18%	4%	2%	2%	3.6	67%	16%	6%	4%	8%	3.3	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of race	80%	15%	5%	0%	0%	3.8	72%	17%	4%	4%	4%	3.5	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	79%	13%	6%	0%	2%	3.7	62%	18%	8%	7%	6%	3.2	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	84%	14%	3%	0%	0%	3.8	72%	22%	3%	3%	1%	3.6	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	85%	13%	3%	0%	0%	3.8	70%	18%	5%	4%	3%	3.5	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	81%	16%	3%	0%	0%	3.8	80%	14%	3%	2%	2%	3.7	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	84%	14%	2%	0%	0%	3.8	74%	15%	6%	0%	5%	3.5	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	83%	14%	3%	0%	0%	3.8	75%	16%	3%	3%	3%	3.6	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	81%	16%	2%	0%	0%	3.8	65%	18%	5%	4%	8%	3.3	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Section III: Communication Skills	76%	16%	4%	1%	2%	3.6	65%	23%	5%	3%	3%	3.4	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Clear and logical communications																		
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	77%	18%	2%	2%	2%	3.7												
Clear and logical written decisions	79%	14%	4%	2%	2%	3.7												
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	74%	18%	7%	0%	2%	3.6												
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							65%	23%	5%	4%	4%	3.4	96%	4%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Explained reason for delays							66%	24%	6%	1%	3%	3.5	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													91%	9%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Section IV: Judicial temperament	75%	16%	8%	1%	0%	3.6	69%	18%	5%	4%	4%	3.4	96%	1%	4%	0%	0%	3.9
Understanding and compassion	72%	18%	7%	4%	0%	3.6	67%	20%	2%	3%	7%	3.4	95%	0%	5%	0%	0%	3.9
Dignified	73%	20%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	70%	17%	7%	3%	3%	3.5	96%	0%	4%	0%	0%	3.9
Courteous	79%	12%	9%	0%	0%	3.7	70%	19%	4%	4%	2%	3.5	96%	0%	4%	0%	0%	3.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	77%	14%	5%	2%	2%	3.6	68%	16%	6%	6%	6%	3.3	96%	4%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Patient	74%	16%	11%	0%	0%	3.6	71%	17%	6%	2%	4%	3.5	96%	0%	4%	0%	0%	3.9
Section V: Administrative Performance	78%	15%	6%	0%	1%	3.7	71%	20%	4%	2%	4%	3.5	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Punctual in conducting proceedings	73%	20%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	71%	22%	4%	1%	2%	3.6	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%	3.9
Maintained proper control of courtroom	78%	15%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	71%	19%	3%	1%	6%	3.5	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	78%	17%	6%	0%	0%	3.7												
Was prepared for the proceedings	82%	13%	2%	2%	2%	3.7	71%	19%	6%	2%	2%	3.5	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Respectful treatment of staff																		
Cooperation with peers																		
Efficient management of calendar	79%	12%	8%	0%	2%	3.7												
Section VI: Settlement Activities	81%	12%	5%	0%	2%	3.7												
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	81%	12%	5%	0%	2%	3.7												

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 5					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. D. Greg Sakall	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Decisions based on law and facts	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Knowledge of rules of evidence	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Knowledge of rules of procedure	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Section II: Integrity	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Unbiased and impartial	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Section III: Communication Skills	4	0	1	0	0	5	4.6
Communication skills	4	0	1	0	0	5	4.6
Section IV: Judicial temperament	5	1	0	0	0	5	4.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	4	1	0	0	0	5	4.8
Section V: Administrative Performance	4	0	0	0	0	5	4.9
Works effectively with other judges	4	1	0	0	0	5	4.8
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	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 5					Fall 2023
Hon. D. Greg Sakall	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	80%	0%	20%	0%	0%	4.6
Communication skills	80%	0%	20%	0%	0%	4.6
Section IV: Judicial temperament	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
Section V: Administrative Performance	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Works effectively with other judges	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
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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