

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 Pinal County

Hon. Patrick K. Gard

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	63	95%
Integrity	174	95%
Communication Skills	187	93%
Judicial Temperament	192	90%
Administrative Performance	191	95%
Administrative Skills		
Settlement Activities	48	96%

Responses based upon 198 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 824 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge: **Hon. Patrick K. Gard** Total Surveys: 195 Assignment: Family Cycle: 2021 & 2023

Name of Judge:	ATTORNEY					64		LIT/WIT/PRO PER					72		JUROR					59	
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Resp	Mean
Hon. Patrick K. Gard																					
Section I: Legal Ability	34	15	8	2	1	60	3.3														
Legal reasoning ability	34	15	10	1	2	62	3.3														
Knowledge of substantive law	32	17	6	4	1	60	3.3														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	34	14	7	1	1	57	3.4														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	35	14	8	2	1	60	3.3														
Section II: Integrity	32	11	8	0	1	52	3.4	41	6	7	3	4	61	3.2	49	7	2	0	0	58	3.8
Basic fairness and impartiality	36	12	11	1	3	63	3.2	38	7	12	5	9	71	2.8	48	9	2	0	0	59	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of race	33	12	7	0	0	52	3.5	42	9	6	3	2	62	3.4	50	6	3	0	0	59	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of gender	37	13	9	1	1	61	3.4	43	5	6	6	6	66	3.1	50	7	2	0	0	59	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of religion	26	8	7	1	0	42	3.4	40	5	8	3	1	57	3.4	47	8	2	0	0	57	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	29	9	7	0	0	45	3.5	41	7	6	3	2	59	3.4	49	7	2	0	0	58	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of disability	30	9	6	0	1	46	3.5	39	4	5	2	3	53	3.4	48	7	2	0	0	57	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of age	35	11	10	1	0	57	3.4	43	6	6	2	4	61	3.3	49	7	2	0	0	58	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	26	9	7	0	0	42	3.5	43	4	6	2	5	60	3.3	49	8	2	0	0	59	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	35	12	11	0	1	59	3.4	42	6	4	4	7	63	3.1	47	8	2	0	0	57	3.8
Section III: Communication Skills	35	16	7	2	2	62	3.3	45	6	5	7	2	64	3.3	49	6	3	0	0	58	3.8
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	35	17	8	2	2	64	3.3														
Clear and logical written decisions	33	16	7	2	1	59	3.3														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	36	16	7	2	3	64	3.3														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								46	6	4	8	3	67	3.3	50	6	2	0	0	58	3.8
Explained reason for delays								43	5	6	5	1	60	3.4	47	6	4	1	0	58	3.7
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															50	6	2	0	0	58	3.8
Section IV: Judicial temperament	32	16	11	2	3	64	3.1	40	9	5	6	8	68	3.0	50	5	2	0	0	58	3.8
Understanding and compassion	29	17	12	3	3	64	3.0	39	9	4	9	7	68	2.9	46	10	2	0	0	58	3.8
Dignified	32	17	10	2	3	64	3.1	40	9	7	2	9	67	3.0	49	7	2	0	0	58	3.8
Courteous	33	15	13	1	2	64	3.2	40	8	7	6	7	68	3.0	52	3	2	0	0	57	3.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	35	15	8	2	3	63	3.2	40	10	3	6	9	68	3.0	53	3	2	0	0	58	3.9
Patient	32	16	10	3	3	64	3.1	39	10	5	7	7	68	3.0	52	3	3	0	0	58	3.8
Section V: Administrative Performance	39	15	8	1	1	64	3.4	44	9	5	4	4	66	3.3	48	6	3	1	0	58	3.8
Punctual in conducting proceedings	36	17	9	1	1	64	3.3	46	8	6	7	2	69	3.3	42	10	4	2	0	58	3.6
Maintained proper control of courtroom	40	15	8	0	1	64	3.5	43	11	2	2	5	63	3.3	51	5	2	0	0	58	3.8
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	40	14	8	1	0	63	3.5														
Was prepared for the proceedings	41	14	8	1	0	64	3.5	44	8	6	4	5	67	3.2	52	4	2	0	0	58	3.9
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	39	16	7	0	1	63	3.5														
Section VI: Settlement Activities	28	11	7	0	2	48	3.3														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	28	11	7	0	2	48	3.3														

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ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 195					Assignment: Family					Cycle: 2021 & 2023							
Hon. Patrick K. Gard	ATTORNEY					64 Mean	LIT/WIT/PRO PER					72 Mean	JUROR					59 Mean
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	
Section I: Legal Ability	56%	25%	13%	3%	2%	3.3												
Legal reasoning ability	55%	24%	16%	2%	3%	3.3												
Knowledge of substantive law	53%	28%	10%	7%	2%	3.3												
Knowledge of rules of evidence	60%	25%	12%	2%	2%	3.4												
Knowledge of rules of procedure	58%	23%	13%	3%	2%	3.3												
Section II: Integrity	61%	20%	16%	1%	1%	3.4	67%	10%	11%	5%	7%	3.2	84%	13%	4%	0%	0%	3.8
Basic fairness and impartiality	57%	19%	17%	2%	5%	3.2	54%	10%	17%	7%	13%	2.8	81%	15%	3%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of race	63%	23%	13%	0%	0%	3.5	68%	15%	10%	5%	3%	3.4	85%	10%	5%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of gender	61%	21%	15%	2%	2%	3.4	65%	8%	9%	9%	9%	3.1	85%	12%	3%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of religion	62%	19%	17%	2%	0%	3.4	70%	9%	14%	5%	2%	3.4	82%	14%	4%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	64%	20%	16%	0%	0%	3.5	69%	12%	10%	5%	3%	3.4	84%	12%	3%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of disability	65%	20%	13%	0%	2%	3.5	74%	8%	9%	4%	6%	3.4	84%	12%	4%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of age	61%	19%	18%	2%	0%	3.4	70%	10%	10%	3%	7%	3.3	84%	12%	3%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	62%	21%	17%	0%	0%	3.5	72%	7%	10%	3%	8%	3.3	83%	14%	3%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	59%	20%	19%	0%	2%	3.4	67%	10%	6%	6%	11%	3.1	82%	14%	4%	0%	0%	3.8
Section III: Communication Skills	56%	26%	12%	3%	3%	3.3	70%	9%	8%	10%	3%	3.3	84%	10%	5%	1%	0%	3.8
Clear and logical communications																		
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	55%	27%	13%	3%	3%	3.3												
Clear and logical written decisions	56%	27%	12%	3%	2%	3.3												
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	56%	25%	11%	3%	5%	3.3												
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							69%	9%	6%	12%	4%	3.3	86%	10%	3%	0%	0%	3.8
Explained reason for delays							72%	8%	10%	8%	2%	3.4	81%	10%	7%	2%	0%	3.7
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													86%	10%	3%	0%	0%	3.8
Section IV: Judicial temperament	50%	25%	17%	3%	4%	3.1	58%	14%	8%	9%	12%	3.0	87%	9%	4%	0%	0%	3.8
Understanding and compassion	45%	27%	19%	5%	5%	3.0	57%	13%	6%	13%	10%	2.9	79%	17%	3%	0%	0%	3.8
Dignified	50%	27%	16%	3%	5%	3.1	60%	13%	10%	3%	13%	3.0	84%	12%	3%	0%	0%	3.8
Courteous	52%	23%	20%	2%	3%	3.2	59%	12%	10%	9%	10%	3.0	91%	5%	4%	0%	0%	3.9
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	56%	24%	13%	3%	5%	3.2	59%	15%	4%	9%	13%	3.0	91%	5%	3%	0%	0%	3.9
Patient	50%	25%	16%	5%	5%	3.1	57%	15%	7%	10%	10%	3.0	90%	5%	5%	0%	0%	3.8
Section V: Administrative Performance	62%	24%	13%	1%	1%	3.4	67%	14%	7%	7%	6%	3.3	83%	11%	5%	1%	0%	3.8
Punctual in conducting proceedings	56%	27%	14%	2%	2%	3.3	67%	12%	9%	10%	3%	3.3	72%	17%	7%	3%	0%	3.6
Maintained proper control of courtroom	63%	23%	13%	0%	2%	3.5	68%	17%	3%	3%	8%	3.3	88%	9%	3%	0%	0%	3.8
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	63%	22%	13%	2%	0%	3.5												
Was prepared for the proceedings	64%	22%	13%	2%	0%	3.5	66%	12%	9%	6%	7%	3.2	90%	7%	3%	0%	0%	3.9
Respectful treatment of staff																		
Cooperation with peers																		
Efficient management of calendar	62%	25%	11%	0%	2%	3.5												
Section VI: Settlement Activities	58%	23%	15%	0%	4%	3.3												
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	58%	23%	15%	0%	4%	3.3												

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 3					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Patrick K. Gard	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Decisions based on law and facts	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Knowledge of rules of evidence	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Knowledge of rules of procedure	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Section II: Integrity	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Unbiased and impartial	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Section III: Communication Skills	1	2	0	0	0	3	4.3
Communication skills	1	2	0	0	0	3	4.3
Section IV: Judicial temperament	2	1	0	0	0	3	4.7
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	1	2	0	0	0	3	4.3
Section V: Administrative Performance	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Works effectively with other judges	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Works effectively with court personnel	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Efficient management of calendar	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Does a fair share of work	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys:		Fall 2023			
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	Mean
Hon. Patrick K. Gard						
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	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%	4.3
Communication skills	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%	4.3
Section IV: Judicial temperament	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	4.7
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%	4.3
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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