

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. Lisa I. Abrams**

<b>2024</b>		
<b>Evaluation Category</b>	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	28	95%
Integrity	47	93%
Communication Skills	52	93%
Judicial Temperament	58	92%
Administrative Performance	55	97%
Settlement Activities	16	88%

Responses based upon 60 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 380 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 56					Assignment: Juvenile					Cycle: Retention Review										
Hon. Lisa I. Abrams	ATTORNEY					LIT/WIT/PRO PER					JUROR										
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	24 Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	32 Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	0 Resp	Mean
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	16	5	2	1	1	24	3.4														
Legal reasoning ability	15	6	2	0	1	24	3.4														
Knowledge of substantive law	16	5	2	0	1	24	3.5														
Knowledge of rules of evidence	16	5	1	1	1	24	3.4														
Knowledge of rules of procedure	16	5	1	1	1	24	3.4														
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	13	4	0	0	2	18	3.4	19	3	2	1	0	26	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	14	7	0	1	2	24	3.3	21	4	3	3	1	32	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	12	3	0	0	2	17	3.4	20	3	1	2	1	27	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	15	4	1	1	1	22	3.4	19	5	1	2	1	28	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	11	3	0	0	1	15	3.5	18	4	1	1	0	24	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	12	4	0	0	2	18	3.3	18	5	1	0	0	24	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	12	3	0	0	1	16	3.6	18	1	3	0	0	22	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	12	4	0	0	2	18	3.3	20	3	2	0	0	25	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	11	3	0	0	1	15	3.5	19	2	2	0	0	23	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	14	4	0	1	2	21	3.3	16	3	4	2	0	25	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	14	5	1	1	2	23	3.2	19	4	3	1	0	26	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Clear and logical communications																					
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	14	5	1	1	2	23	3.2														
Clear and logical written decisions	13	5	1	2	1	22	3.2														
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	14	5	1	1	2	23	3.2														
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								21	5	3	1	0	30	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Explained reason for delays								16	2	3	0	0	21	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	14	6	1	1	2	24	3.2	21	5	4	1	1	31	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Understanding and compassion	14	5	1	1	2	23	3.2	19	3	5	2	1	30	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Dignified	14	6	2	0	2	24	3.3	19	6	3	1	1	30	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Courteous	14	6	1	0	3	24	3.2	22	4	5	0	0	31	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	15	5	1	1	2	24	3.3	20	7	1	2	1	31	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Patient	14	6	0	2	2	24	3.2	23	4	4	1	0	32	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	15	6	1	0	1	23	3.4	20	3	4	0	0	28	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	15	6	2	0	1	24	3.4	21	3	4	0	0	28	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	14	5	3	0	2	24	3.2	20	3	4	0	0	27	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	14	7	0	1	1	23	3.4														
Was prepared for the proceedings	16	6	1	0	1	24	3.5	20	3	5	1	0	29	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Efficient management of calendar	14	5	1	0	1	21	3.5														
<b>Section VI: Settlement Activities</b>	13	1	0	0	2	16	3.4														
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	13	1	0	0	2	16	3.4														

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 56					Assignment: Juvenile					Cycle: Retention Review								
	ATTORNEY					24	LIT/WIT/PRO PER					32	JUROR					0	
Hon. Lisa I. Abrams	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3.4</b>													
Legal reasoning ability	63%	25%	8%	0%	4%	3.4													
Knowledge of substantive law	67%	21%	8%	0%	4%	3.5													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	67%	21%	4%	4%	4%	3.4													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	67%	21%	4%	4%	4%	3.4													
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
Basic fairness and impartiality	58%	29%	0%	4%	8%	3.3	66%	13%	9%	9%	3%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of race	71%	18%	0%	0%	12%	3.4	74%	11%	4%	7%	4%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	68%	18%	5%	5%	5%	3.4	68%	18%	4%	7%	4%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	73%	20%	0%	0%	7%	3.5	75%	17%	4%	4%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	67%	22%	0%	0%	11%	3.3	75%	21%	4%	0%	0%	3.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	75%	19%	0%	0%	6%	3.6	82%	5%	14%	0%	0%	3.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of age	67%	22%	0%	0%	11%	3.3	80%	12%	8%	0%	0%	3.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	73%	20%	0%	0%	7%	3.5	83%	9%	9%	0%	0%	3.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	67%	19%	0%	5%	10%	3.3	64%	12%	16%	8%	0%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	61%	22%	4%	4%	9%	3.2													
Clear and logical written decisions	59%	23%	5%	9%	5%	3.2													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	61%	22%	4%	4%	9%	3.2													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							70%	17%	10%	3%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Explained reason for delays							76%	10%	14%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
<b>Section IV: Judicial Temperament</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
Understanding and compassion	61%	22%	4%	4%	9%	3.2	63%	10%	17%	7%	3%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Dignified	58%	25%	8%	0%	8%	3.3	63%	20%	10%	3%	3%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Courteous	58%	25%	4%	0%	13%	3.2	71%	13%	16%	0%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	63%	21%	4%	4%	8%	3.3	65%	23%	3%	6%	3%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Patient	58%	25%	0%	8%	8%	3.2	72%	13%	13%	3%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	63%	25%	8%	0%	4%	3.4	75%	11%	14%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	58%	21%	13%	0%	8%	3.2	74%	11%	15%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	61%	30%	0%	4%	4%	3.4													
Was prepared for the proceedings	67%	25%	4%	0%	4%	3.5	69%	10%	17%	3%	0%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Respectful treatment of staff																			
Cooperation with peers																			
Efficient management of calendar	67%	24%	5%	0%	5%	3.5													
<b>Section VI: Settlement Activities</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>3.4</b>													
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	81%	6%	0%	0%	13%	3.4													

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 4					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Lisa I. Abrams	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Decisions based on law and facts	3	0	1	0	0	4	4.5
Knowledge of rules of evidence	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Knowledge of rules of procedure	3	1	0	0	0	4	4.8
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Unbiased and impartial	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Communication skills	2	2	0	0	0	4	4.5
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	3	0	0	0	0	3	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	2	1	0	0	0	3	4.7
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Works effectively with other judges	2	2	0	0	0	4	4.5
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	2	2	0	0	0	4	4.5

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Hon. Lisa I. Abrams	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
<b>Section I: Legal Ability</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Decisions based on law and facts	75%	0%	25%	0%	0%	4.5
Knowledge of rules of evidence	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Knowledge of rules of procedure	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	4.8
<b>Section II: Integrity</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Unbiased and impartial	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
<b>Section III: Communication Skills</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Communication skills	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	4.5
<b>Section IV: Judicial temperament</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	4.7
<b>Section V: Administrative Performance</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Works effectively with other judges	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	4.5
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	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	4.5

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