

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. Stasy D. Avelar

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	61	97%
Integrity	97	88%
Communication Skills	110	87%
Judicial Temperament	116	81%
Administrative Performance	116	90%
Settlement Activities	32	94%

Responses based upon 123 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 565 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 104					Assignment: Family					Cycle: Retention Review														
Hon. Stasy D. Avelar	ATTORNEY					LIT/WIT/PRO PER					JUROR														
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	46	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	58	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	0	Resp	Mean	
Section I: Legal Ability	33	9	2	2	0	45	3.6																		
Legal reasoning ability	30	11	2	2	0	45	3.5																		
Knowledge of substantive law	33	8	2	1	0	44	3.7																		
Knowledge of rules of evidence	33	8	0	3	0	44	3.6																		
Knowledge of rules of procedure	34	8	2	1	0	45	3.7																		
Section II: Integrity	25	6	2	1	1	34	3.6	26	5	7	4	7	48	2.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Basic fairness and impartiality	28	10	2	3	2	45	3.3	25	7	4	10	12	58	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of race	28	6	2	0	0	36	3.7	28	4	7	1	7	47	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	27	8	4	2	1	42	3.4	28	5	5	6	10	54	2.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	23	6	2	0	0	31	3.7	25	6	7	2	6	46	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	22	6	2	0	0	30	3.7	25	6	8	2	5	46	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	22	5	2	0	0	29	3.7	22	4	6	4	4	40	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of age	24	7	2	0	0	33	3.7	27	4	9	1	8	49	2.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	22	4	2	0	1	29	3.6	24	5	8	3	4	44	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	27	4	3	0	1	35	3.6	27	3	8	3	9	50	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Section III: Communication Skills	33	8	3	2	0	46	3.6	22	11	6	5	8	50	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Clear and logical communications																									
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	34	7	3	2	0	46	3.6																		
Clear and logical written decisions	30	11	2	2	0	45	3.5																		
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	34	7	3	1	1	46	3.6																		
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								25	11	6	7	7	56	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Explained reason for delays								18	10	5	2	8	43	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Section IV: Judicial temperament	29	9	3	3	2	46	3.3	26	7	7	6	11	56	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Understanding and compassion	28	10	4	2	2	46	3.3	24	6	8	5	14	57	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Dignified	30	10	4	1	1	46	3.5	24	8	7	6	10	55	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Courteous	31	7	3	4	1	46	3.4	26	7	9	3	12	57	2.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	30	10	1	3	2	46	3.4	27	7	4	6	12	56	2.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Patient	26	9	4	4	2	45	3.2	27	8	5	8	9	57	2.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Section V: Administrative Performance	34	8	3	0	0	45	3.7	28	8	9	5	6	56	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	34	9	3	0	0	46	3.7	29	10	8	4	5	56	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	31	12	2	0	0	45	3.6	29	7	10	5	6	57	2.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	35	7	3	0	0	45	3.7																		
Was prepared for the proceedings	37	6	3	0	0	46	3.7	26	8	8	7	6	55	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Respectful treatment of staff																									
Cooperation with peers																									
Efficient management of calendar	35	7	3	0	0	45	3.7																		
Section VI: Settlement Activities	24	6	0	2	0	32	3.6																		
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	24	6	0	2	0	32	3.6																		

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Surveys were distributed to court users from 02/2023 - 09/2023
Juror surveys from 9/2021 - 9/2023

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 104					46 Mean	Assignment: Family					58 Mean	Cycle: Retention Review					0 Mean	
	ATTORNEY						LIT/WIT/PRO PER						JUROR						
Hon. Stasy D. Avelar	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		SU	VG	SA	PO	UN		
Section I: Legal Ability	73%	20%	3%	4%	0%	3.6													
Legal reasoning ability	67%	24%	4%	4%	0%	3.5													
Knowledge of substantive law	75%	18%	5%	2%	0%	3.7													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	75%	18%	0%	7%	0%	3.6													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	76%	18%	4%	2%	0%	3.7													
Section II: Integrity	72%	18%	7%	2%	2%	3.6	53%	10%	14%	7%	15%	2.8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	62%	22%	4%	7%	4%	3.3	43%	12%	7%	17%	21%	2.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	78%	17%	6%	0%	0%	3.7	60%	9%	15%	2%	15%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	64%	19%	10%	5%	2%	3.4	52%	9%	9%	11%	19%	2.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	74%	19%	6%	0%	0%	3.7	54%	13%	15%	4%	13%	2.9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	73%	20%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	54%	13%	17%	4%	11%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	76%	17%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	55%	10%	15%	10%	10%	2.9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	73%	21%	6%	0%	0%	3.7	55%	8%	18%	2%	16%	2.8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	76%	14%	7%	0%	3%	3.6	55%	11%	18%	7%	9%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	77%	11%	9%	0%	3%	3.6	54%	6%	16%	6%	18%	2.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Section III: Communication Skills	72%	18%	6%	4%	1%	3.6	43%	21%	11%	9%	15%	2.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	74%	15%	7%	4%	0%	3.6													
Clear and logical written decisions	67%	24%	4%	4%	0%	3.5													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	74%	15%	7%	2%	2%	3.6													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							45%	20%	11%	13%	13%	2.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Explained reason for delays							42%	23%	12%	5%	19%	2.7	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	63%	20%	7%	6%	3%	3.3	45%	13%	12%	10%	20%	2.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Understanding and compassion	61%	22%	9%	4%	4%	3.3	42%	11%	14%	9%	25%	2.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Dignified	65%	22%	9%	2%	2%	3.5	44%	15%	13%	11%	18%	2.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Courteous	67%	15%	7%	9%	2%	3.4	46%	12%	16%	5%	21%	2.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	65%	22%	2%	7%	4%	3.4	48%	13%	7%	11%	21%	2.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Patient	58%	20%	9%	9%	4%	3.2	47%	14%	9%	14%	16%	2.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	76%	18%	6%	0%	0%	3.7	50%	15%	15%	10%	10%	2.9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	74%	20%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	52%	18%	14%	7%	9%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	69%	27%	4%	0%	0%	3.6	51%	12%	18%	9%	11%	2.8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	78%	16%	7%	0%	0%	3.7													
Was prepared for the proceedings	80%	13%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	47%	15%	15%	13%	11%	2.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Respectful treatment of staff																			
Cooperation with peers																			
Efficient management of calendar	78%	16%	7%	0%	0%	3.7													
Section VI: Settlement Activities	75%	19%	0%	6%	0%	3.6													
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	75%	19%	0%	6%	0%	3.6													

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 19					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Stasy D. Avelar	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	13	1	2	0	0	17	4.7
Decisions based on law and facts	13	2	1	0	0	16	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	13	1	3	0	0	17	4.6
Knowledge of rules of procedure	14	1	2	0	0	17	4.7
Section II: Integrity	11	2	1	0	0	14	4.7
Unbiased and impartial	11	2	1	0	0	14	4.7
Section III: Communication Skills	11	0	4	0	0	15	4.5
Communication skills	11	0	4	0	0	15	4.5
Section IV: Judicial temperament	11	1	2	1	0	14	4.6
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	11	0	2	1	0	14	4.5
Respectful to all individuals	10	1	2	0	0	13	4.6
Section V: Administrative Performance	12	1	2	0	0	15	4.7
Works effectively with other judges	12	2	2	1	0	17	4.5
Works effectively with court personnel	11	1	1	0	0	13	4.8
Efficient management of calendar	12	0	2	0	0	14	4.7
Does a fair share of work	13	0	2	0	0	15	4.7

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 users from 09/2023 - 11/2023

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 19					Fall 2023
Hon. Stasy D. Avelar	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
Section I: Legal Ability	80%	8%	12%	0%	0%	4.7
Decisions based on law and facts	81%	13%	6%	0%	0%	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	76%	6%	18%	0%	0%	4.6
Knowledge of rules of procedure	82%	6%	12%	0%	0%	4.7
Section II: Integrity	79%	14%	7%	0%	0%	4.7
Unbiased and impartial	79%	14%	7%	0%	0%	4.7
Section III: Communication Skills	73%	0%	27%	0%	0%	4.5
Communication skills	73%	0%	27%	0%	0%	4.5
Section IV: Judicial temperament	78%	4%	15%	4%	0%	4.6
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	79%	0%	14%	7%	0%	4.5
Respectful to all individuals	77%	8%	15%	0%	0%	4.6
Section V: Administrative Performance	81%	5%	12%	2%	0%	4.7
Works effectively with other judges	71%	12%	12%	6%	0%	4.5
Works effectively with court personnel	85%	8%	8%	0%	0%	4.8
Efficient management of calendar	86%	0%	14%	0%	0%	4.7
Does a fair share of work	87%	0%	13%	0%	0%	4.7

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