

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. Kimberly A. Harris Ortiz

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	34	96%
Integrity	61	95%
Communication Skills	62	98%
Judicial Temperament	67	91%
Administrative Performance	67	97%
Settlement Activities	17	100%

Responses based upon 69 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 304 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 67					Assignment: Juvenile					Cycle: Retention Review													
Hon. Kimberly A. Harris Ortiz	ATTORNEY					LIT/WIT/PRO PER					JUROR													
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	34	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	33	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	0	Resp	Mean
Section I: Legal Ability	22	6	4	1	0	32	3.5																	
Legal reasoning ability	22	6	4	1	0	33	3.5																	
Knowledge of substantive law	22	4	5	1	0	32	3.5																	
Knowledge of rules of evidence	21	8	2	1	0	32	3.5																	
Knowledge of rules of procedure	21	6	3	2	0	32	3.4																	
Section II: Integrity	22	6	0	2	0	30	3.6	19	7	3	1	0	29	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	21	9	0	3	0	33	3.5	16	9	5	3	0	33	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	24	6	1	2	0	33	3.6	19	8	3	0	0	30	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	24	6	0	3	0	33	3.5	20	7	2	1	0	30	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	21	5	0	0	0	26	3.8	20	4	3	0	0	27	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	22	5	1	2	0	30	3.6	20	7	3	0	0	30	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	21	5	0	2	0	28	3.6	20	6	2	1	0	29	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	23	5	0	3	0	31	3.5	20	7	2	1	0	30	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	21	5	0	0	0	26	3.8	19	6	2	0	0	27	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	23	6	0	2	1	32	3.5	19	6	1	1	0	27	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section III: Communication Skills	22	6	3	1	0	32	3.5	14	11	5	0	0	29	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Clear and logical communications																								
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	21	6	5	1	0	33	3.4																	
Clear and logical written decisions	23	4	4	0	0	31	3.6																	
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	22	7	1	2	1	33	3.4																	
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								15	12	5	0	0	32	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Explained reason for delays								12	10	4	0	0	26	3.3	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	20	7	3	1	3	33	3.2	17	11	3	2	1	33	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Understanding and compassion	17	10	3	1	2	33	3.2	16	11	2	3	0	32	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Dignified	21	8	1	1	2	33	3.4	17	11	2	2	0	32	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Courteous	21	6	3	0	3	33	3.3	18	9	4	1	1	33	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	24	5	1	0	3	33	3.4	16	11	3	2	1	33	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Patient	16	7	6	1	3	33	3.0	16	11	2	3	1	33	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	23	6	2	2	0	33	3.5	19	9	5	0	0	33	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	23	6	2	2	0	33	3.5	17	10	6	0	0	33	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	23	6	2	1	1	33	3.5	19	9	4	1	0	33	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	23	6	2	1	0	32	3.6																	
Was prepared for the proceedings	24	6	1	2	0	33	3.6	20	9	4	0	0	33	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Respectful treatment of staff																								
Cooperation with peers																								
Efficient management of calendar	23	6	1	3	0	33	3.5																	
Section VI: Settlement Activities	12	4	1	0	0	17	3.6																	
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	12	4	1	0	0	17	3.6																	

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Juror surveys from 9/2021 - 9/2023

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 67						Assignment: Juvenile					Cycle: Retention Review						
	ATTORNEY					34	LIT/WIT/PRO PER					33	JUROR					0
Hon. Kimberly A. Harris Ortiz	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean
Section I: Legal Ability	67%	19%	11%	4%	0%	3.5												
Legal reasoning ability	67%	18%	12%	3%	0%	3.5												
Knowledge of substantive law	69%	13%	16%	3%	0%	3.5												
Knowledge of rules of evidence	66%	25%	6%	3%	0%	3.5												
Knowledge of rules of procedure	66%	19%	9%	6%	0%	3.4												
Section II: Integrity	74%	19%	1%	6%	0%	3.6	66%	23%	9%	3%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	64%	27%	0%	9%	0%	3.5	48%	27%	15%	9%	0%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	73%	18%	3%	6%	0%	3.6	63%	27%	10%	0%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	73%	18%	0%	9%	0%	3.5	67%	23%	7%	3%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	81%	19%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	74%	15%	11%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	73%	17%	3%	7%	0%	3.6	67%	23%	10%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	75%	18%	0%	7%	0%	3.6	69%	21%	7%	3%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	74%	16%	0%	10%	0%	3.5	67%	23%	7%	3%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	81%	19%	0%	0%	0%	3.8	70%	22%	7%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	72%	19%	0%	6%	3%	3.5	70%	22%	4%	4%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Section III: Communication Skills	68%	18%	10%	3%	1%	3.5	47%	38%	16%	0%	0%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Clear and logical communications																		
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	64%	18%	15%	3%	0%	3.4												
Clear and logical written decisions	74%	13%	13%	0%	0%	3.6												
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	67%	21%	3%	6%	3%	3.4												
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							47%	38%	16%	0%	0%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Explained reason for delays							46%	38%	15%	0%	0%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Section IV: Judicial temperament	60%	22%	8%	2%	8%	3.2	51%	33%	8%	7%	2%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Understanding and compassion	52%	30%	9%	3%	6%	3.2	50%	34%	6%	9%	0%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Dignified	64%	24%	3%	3%	6%	3.4	53%	34%	6%	6%	0%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Courteous	64%	18%	9%	0%	9%	3.3	55%	27%	12%	3%	3%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	73%	15%	3%	0%	9%	3.4	48%	33%	9%	6%	3%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Patient	48%	21%	18%	3%	9%	3.0	48%	33%	6%	9%	3%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	71%	18%	5%	5%	1%	3.5	57%	28%	14%	1%	0%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	70%	18%	6%	6%	0%	3.5	52%	30%	18%	0%	0%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	70%	18%	6%	3%	3%	3.5	58%	27%	12%	3%	0%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	72%	19%	6%	3%	0%	3.6												
Was prepared for the proceedings	73%	18%	3%	6%	0%	3.6	61%	27%	12%	0%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0
Respectful treatment of staff																		
Cooperation with peers																		
Efficient management of calendar	70%	18%	3%	9%	0%	3.5												
Section VI: Settlement Activities	71%	24%	6%	0%	0%	3.6												
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	71%	24%	6%	0%	0%	3.6												

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 2					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Kimberly A. Harris Ortiz	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.0
Decisions based on law and facts	2	0	0	0	0	2	5.0
Knowledge of rules of evidence	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.0
Knowledge of rules of procedure	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.0
Section II: Integrity	2	0	0	0	0	2	5.0
Unbiased and impartial	2	0	0	0	0	2	5.0
Section III: Communication Skills	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.0
Communication skills	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.0
Section IV: Judicial temperament	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.3
Works effectively with other judges	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.5
Works effectively with court personnel	0	1	0	0	0	1	4.0
Efficient management of calendar	0	1	0	0	0	1	4.0
Does a fair share of work	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.5

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ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys:		Fall 2023			
Hon. Kimberly A. Harris Ortiz	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	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%	4.3
Works effectively with other judges	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	4.5
Works effectively with court personnel	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Efficient management of calendar	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	4.0
Does a fair share of work	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	4.5

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