

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. Lisa S. Wahlin

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	67	87%
Integrity	120	88%
Communication Skills	147	87%
Judicial Temperament	152	85%
Administrative Performance	149	91%
Settlement Activities	21	95%

Responses based upon 164 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 468 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 143					Assignment: Family					Cycle: Retention Review														
Hon. Lisa S. Wahlin	ATTORNEY					LIT/WIT/PRO PER					JUROR														
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	54	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	89	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	0	Resp	Mean	
Section I: Legal Ability	13	19	11	5	3	50	2.7																		
Legal reasoning ability	13	19	12	5	3	52	2.7																		
Knowledge of substantive law	12	20	9	6	3	50	2.6																		
Knowledge of rules of evidence	14	17	11	3	2	47	2.8																		
Knowledge of rules of procedure	13	18	10	6	2	49	2.7																		
Section II: Integrity	14	9	6	1	1	31	3.1	38	12	11	6	6	73	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Basic fairness and impartiality	20	16	9	6	2	53	2.9	37	13	13	9	11	83	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of race	13	9	7	0	1	30	3.1	39	12	12	5	6	74	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	17	12	9	2	2	42	3.0	39	12	15	8	8	82	2.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	11	7	4	1	0	23	3.2	35	13	10	5	5	68	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	11	7	4	0	0	22	3.3	36	13	10	4	4	67	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	12	7	4	1	0	24	3.3	39	11	11	4	3	68	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of age	13	10	6	1	0	30	3.2	40	11	12	8	3	74	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	11	7	4	0	0	22	3.3	38	11	10	3	4	66	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	16	10	7	0	2	35	3.1	40	11	8	10	8	77	2.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Section III: Communication Skills	15	18	14	4	2	53	2.8	33	14	17	9	5	77	2.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Clear and logical communications																									
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	15	19	16	3	1	54	2.8																		
Clear and logical written decisions	15	16	15	4	2	52	2.7																		
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	16	19	11	4	3	53	2.8																		
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								36	15	20	10	3	84	2.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Explained reason for delays								29	13	14	7	6	69	2.8	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	19	16	12	6	1	53	2.8	41	14	14	5	10	83	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Understanding and compassion	18	14	9	10	2	53	2.7	37	16	12	6	12	83	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Dignified	18	17	16	1	1	53	2.9	43	15	13	3	9	83	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Courteous	19	17	11	6	0	53	2.9	41	16	16	5	8	86	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	19	16	10	7	1	53	2.8	41	9	15	6	12	83	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Patient	19	14	12	6	1	52	2.8	41	14	15	5	7	82	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Section V: Administrative Performance	19	18	13	1	1	52	3.1	39	16	16	5	7	82	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	22	18	14	0	0	54	3.1	40	18	18	5	5	86	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	19	17	14	2	0	52	3.0	37	16	15	4	6	78	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	20	19	12	2	0	53	3.1																		
Was prepared for the proceedings	19	18	13	1	1	52	3.0	39	14	15	5	9	82	2.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Respectful treatment of staff																									
Cooperation with peers																									
Efficient management of calendar	17	20	11	0	2	50	3.0																		
Section VI: Settlement Activities	9	7	4	1	0	21	3.1																		
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	9	7	4	1	0	21	3.1																		

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 143						Assignment: Family					Cycle: Retention Review							
	ATTORNEY					54	LIT/WIT/PRO PER					89	JUROR					0	
Hon. Lisa S. Wahlin	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	
Section I: Legal Ability	26%	37%	21%	10%	5%	2.7													
Legal reasoning ability	25%	37%	23%	10%	6%	2.7													
Knowledge of substantive law	24%	40%	18%	12%	6%	2.6													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	30%	36%	23%	6%	4%	2.8													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	27%	37%	20%	12%	4%	2.7													
Section II: Integrity	44%	30%	19%	4%	2%	3.1	52%	16%	15%	8%	8%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Basic fairness and impartiality	38%	30%	17%	11%	4%	2.9	45%	16%	16%	11%	13%	2.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of race	43%	30%	23%	0%	3%	3.1	53%	16%	16%	7%	8%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	40%	29%	21%	5%	5%	3.0	48%	15%	18%	10%	10%	2.8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	48%	30%	17%	4%	0%	3.2	51%	19%	15%	7%	7%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	50%	32%	18%	0%	0%	3.3	54%	19%	15%	6%	6%	3.1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	50%	29%	17%	4%	0%	3.3	57%	16%	16%	6%	4%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of age	43%	33%	20%	3%	0%	3.2	54%	15%	16%	11%	4%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	50%	32%	18%	0%	0%	3.3	58%	17%	15%	5%	6%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	46%	29%	20%	0%	6%	3.1	52%	14%	10%	13%	10%	2.8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section III: Communication Skills	29%	34%	26%	7%	4%	2.8	42%	18%	22%	11%	6%	2.8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	28%	35%	30%	6%	2%	2.8													
Clear and logical written decisions	29%	31%	29%	8%	4%	2.7													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	30%	36%	21%	8%	6%	2.8													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							43%	18%	24%	12%	4%	2.8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Explained reason for delays							42%	19%	20%	10%	9%	2.8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section IV: Judicial temperament	35%	30%	22%	11%	2%	2.8	49%	17%	17%	6%	12%	2.9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Understanding and compassion	34%	26%	17%	19%	4%	2.7	45%	19%	14%	7%	14%	2.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Dignified	34%	32%	30%	2%	2%	2.9	52%	18%	16%	4%	11%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Courteous	36%	32%	21%	11%	0%	2.9	48%	19%	19%	6%	9%	2.9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	36%	30%	19%	13%	2%	2.8	49%	11%	18%	7%	14%	2.7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Patient	37%	27%	23%	12%	2%	2.8	50%	17%	18%	6%	9%	2.9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section V: Administrative Performance	37%	35%	25%	2%	1%	3.1	47%	20%	20%	6%	8%	2.9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	41%	33%	26%	0%	0%	3.1	47%	21%	21%	6%	6%	3.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	37%	33%	27%	4%	0%	3.0	47%	21%	19%	5%	8%	2.9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	38%	36%	23%	4%	0%	3.1													
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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 21					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Lisa S. Wahlin	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	14	1	1	1	0	17	4.7
Decisions based on law and facts	15	0	1	1	0	17	4.7
Knowledge of rules of evidence	14	1	1	1	0	17	4.6
Knowledge of rules of procedure	14	1	1	1	0	17	4.6
Section II: Integrity	15	0	0	1	0	16	4.8
Unbiased and impartial	15	0	0	1	0	16	4.8
Section III: Communication Skills	15	0	1	1	0	17	4.7
Communication skills	15	0	1	1	0	17	4.7
Section IV: Judicial temperament	14	0	1	1	0	16	4.7
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	15	0	1	1	0	17	4.7
Respectful to all individuals	13	0	1	1	0	15	4.7
Section V: Administrative Performance	13	0	1	1	0	15	4.8
Works effectively with other judges	15	0	1	1	0	17	4.7
Works effectively with court personnel	12	0	1	0	0	13	4.8
Efficient management of calendar	11	1	1	0	0	13	4.8
Does a fair share of work	15	0	1	1	0	17	4.7

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 21					Fall 2023
Hon. Lisa S. Wahlin	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
Section I: Legal Ability	84%	4%	6%	6%	0%	4.7
Decisions based on law and facts	88%	0%	6%	6%	0%	4.7
Knowledge of rules of evidence	82%	6%	6%	6%	0%	4.6
Knowledge of rules of procedure	82%	6%	6%	6%	0%	4.6
Section II: Integrity	94%	0%	0%	6%	0%	4.8
Unbiased and impartial	94%	0%	0%	6%	0%	4.8
Section III: Communication Skills	88%	0%	6%	6%	0%	4.7
Communication skills	88%	0%	6%	6%	0%	4.7
Section IV: Judicial temperament	88%	0%	6%	6%	0%	4.7
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	88%	0%	6%	6%	0%	4.7
Respectful to all individuals	87%	0%	7%	7%	0%	4.7
Section V: Administrative Performance	88%	2%	7%	3%	0%	4.8
Works effectively with other judges	88%	0%	6%	6%	0%	4.7
Works effectively with court personnel	92%	0%	8%	0%	0%	4.8
Efficient management of calendar	85%	8%	8%	0%	0%	4.8
Does a fair share of work	88%	0%	6%	6%	0%	4.7

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