

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. Ashley V. Halvorson

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	18	89%
Integrity	108	94%
Communication Skills	112	93%
Judicial Temperament	120	94%
Administrative Performance	118	94%
Settlement Activities	5	100%

Responses based upon 123 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 599 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 117					Assignment: Juvenile					Cycle: Retention Review													
Hon. Ashley V. Halvorson	ATTORNEY					LIT/WIT/PRO PER					JUROR													
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	13	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	104	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	0	Resp	Mean
Section I: Legal Ability	5	4	2	2	0	13	2.9																	
Legal reasoning ability	5	4	1	3	0	13	2.8																	
Knowledge of substantive law	5	3	3	2	0	13	2.8																	
Knowledge of rules of evidence	5	4	2	1	0	12	3.1																	
Knowledge of rules of procedure	5	3	3	2	0	13	2.8																	
Section II: Integrity	7	2	1	0	1	11	3.3	53	27	6	2	3	92	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	5	4	2	1	1	13	2.8	54	32	9	5	4	104	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	7	3	1	0	1	12	3.3	55	27	5	2	3	92	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	7	3	1	0	1	12	3.3	56	27	6	2	3	94	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	7	2	1	0	0	10	3.6	51	25	5	1	3	85	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	7	2	1	0	1	11	3.3	56	25	6	1	3	91	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	7	2	1	0	1	11	3.3	51	27	6	2	2	88	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	8	2	1	0	1	12	3.3	55	28	7	1	4	95	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	7	2	1	0	0	10	3.6	47	26	5	1	3	82	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	7	2	1	0	1	11	3.3	55	28	6	2	4	95	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section III: Communication Skills	5	4	3	1	1	13	2.9	47	29	11	4	3	94	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Clear and logical communications																								
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	5	4	2	1	1	13	2.8																	
Clear and logical written decisions	5	3	3	0	1	12	2.9																	
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	5	4	3	1	0	13	3.0																	
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								53	30	13	3	4	103	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Explained reason for delays								41	28	9	5	2	85	3.2	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	7	3	2	0	0	13	3.2	60	29	6	3	3	102	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Understanding and compassion	6	4	2	0	1	13	3.1	59	29	7	3	4	102	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Dignified	7	3	3	0	0	13	3.3	58	30	6	3	3	100	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Courteous	8	2	2	1	0	13	3.3	62	29	8	1	3	103	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	7	3	2	0	1	13	3.2	59	28	6	4	4	101	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Patient	6	4	3	0	0	13	3.2	64	27	5	4	2	102	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	4	5	2	1	1	13	2.8	56	29	10	3	3	101	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	4	4	4	1	0	13	2.8	53	33	11	2	3	102	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	3	5	3	1	1	13	2.6	58	27	9	4	2	100	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	3	4	3	1	1	12	2.6																	
Was prepared for the proceedings	5	5	1	1	0	12	3.2	58	28	10	3	3	102	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Respectful treatment of staff																								
Cooperation with peers																								
Efficient management of calendar	4	5	1	2	1	13	2.7																	
Section VI: Settlement Activities	4	1	0	0	0	5	3.8																	
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	4	1	0	0	0	5	3.8																	

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Superior Court

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	ATTORNEY					13	LIT/WIT/PRO PER					104	JUROR					0	
Hon. Ashley V. Halvorson	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	
Section I: Legal Ability	39%	27%	18%	16%	0%	2.9													
Legal reasoning ability	38%	31%	8%	23%	0%	2.8													
Knowledge of substantive law	38%	23%	23%	15%	0%	2.8													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	42%	33%	17%	8%	0%	3.1													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	38%	23%	23%	15%	0%	2.8													
Section II: Integrity	61%	22%	10%	1%	7%	3.3	58%	30%	7%	2%	4%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Basic fairness and impartiality	38%	31%	15%	8%	8%	2.8	52%	31%	9%	5%	4%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of race	58%	25%	8%	0%	8%	3.3	60%	29%	5%	2%	3%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	58%	25%	8%	0%	8%	3.3	60%	29%	6%	2%	3%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	70%	20%	10%	0%	0%	3.6	60%	29%	6%	1%	4%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	64%	18%	9%	0%	9%	3.3	62%	27%	7%	1%	3%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	64%	18%	9%	0%	9%	3.3	58%	31%	7%	2%	2%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of age	67%	17%	8%	0%	8%	3.3	58%	29%	7%	1%	4%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	70%	20%	10%	0%	0%	3.6	57%	32%	6%	1%	4%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	64%	18%	9%	0%	9%	3.3	58%	29%	6%	2%	4%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section III: Communication Skills	39%	29%	21%	5%	5%	2.9	50%	31%	12%	4%	3%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	38%	31%	15%	8%	8%	2.8													
Clear and logical written decisions	42%	25%	25%	0%	8%	2.9													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	38%	31%	23%	8%	0%	3.0													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							51%	29%	13%	3%	4%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Explained reason for delays							48%	33%	11%	6%	2%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities													0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section IV: Judicial temperament	52%	25%	18%	2%	3%	3.2	59%	28%	6%	3%	3%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Understanding and compassion	46%	31%	15%	0%	8%	3.1	58%	28%	7%	3%	4%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Dignified	54%	23%	23%	0%	0%	3.3	58%	30%	6%	3%	3%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Courteous	62%	15%	15%	8%	0%	3.3	60%	28%	8%	1%	3%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	54%	23%	15%	0%	8%	3.2	58%	28%	6%	4%	4%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Patient	46%	31%	23%	0%	0%	3.2	63%	26%	5%	4%	2%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section V: Administrative Performance	30%	37%	19%	10%	5%	2.8	56%	29%	10%	3%	3%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	31%	31%	31%	8%	0%	2.8	52%	32%	11%	2%	3%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	23%	38%	23%	8%	8%	2.6	58%	27%	9%	4%	2%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	25%	33%	25%	8%	8%	2.6													
Was prepared for the proceedings	42%	42%	8%	8%	0%	3.2	57%	27%	10%	3%	3%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Respectful treatment of staff																			
Cooperation with peers																			
Efficient management of calendar	31%	38%	8%	15%	8%	2.7													
Section VI: Settlement Activities	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%	3.8													
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%	3.8													

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 6					Fall 2023	
	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Ashley V. Halvorson	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Decisions based on law and facts	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Knowledge of rules of evidence	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Knowledge of rules of procedure	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Section II: Integrity	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Unbiased and impartial	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Section III: Communication Skills	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Communication skills	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Section IV: Judicial temperament	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Respectful to all individuals	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Works effectively with other judges	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Works effectively with court personnel	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Efficient management of calendar	4	0	0	0	0	4	5.0
Does a fair share of work	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0

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Hon. Ashley V. Halvorson	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	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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