

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**

Maricopa County Voters Only

Hon. Angela K. Paton

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	48	98%
Integrity	27	100%
Communication Skills	25	98%
Judicial Temperament	27	100%
Administrative Performance	44	98%

Responses based upon 68 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 395 questionnaires. Survey respondents may not necessarily answer all survey questions.

ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Appellate Courts

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 64					Assignment: Appellate					Cycle: 2023 Retention Review										
	ATTORNEY					PEER JUDGE/JUSTICE					SUP COURT JUDGE										
Hon. Angela K. Paton	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	15 Valid	14 Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	15 Total	14 Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	20 Total	14 Mean
Section I: Legal Ability	9	3	3	1	0	15	3.3	12	2	1	0	0	15	3.7	8	8	2	0	0	18	3.3
Legal reasoning ability	9	2	4	0	0	15	3.3	12	2	1	0	0	15	3.7	8	9	1	0	0	18	3.4
Knowledge of law	9	2	3	1	0	15	3.3	11	3	1	0	0	15	3.7	8	6	2	0	0	16	3.4
Decisions based on law and facts	8	4	3	0	0	15	3.3	13	1	1	0	0	15	3.8	8	7	2	1	0	18	3.2
Clearly written, legally supported decisions	9	3	2	1	0	15	3.3	12	2	1	0	0	15	3.7	8	9	1	0	0	18	3.4
Section II: Integrity	1	1	0	0	0	3	3.4	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9	7	1	1	0	0	9	3.7
Basic fairness and impartiality	6	2	2	0	0	10	3.4	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9	9	4	2	0	0	15	3.5
Equal treatment regardless of race	0	1	0	0	0	1	3.0	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9	8	0	1	0	0	9	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of gender	3	2	0	0	0	5	3.6	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9	8	0	1	0	0	9	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of religion	0	1	0	0	0	1	3.0	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9	8	0	1	0	0	9	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0	1	0	0	0	1	3.0	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9	8	0	1	0	0	9	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of disability	0	1	0	0	0	1	3.0	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9	8	0	1	0	0	9	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of age	3	2	0	0	0	5	3.6	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9	8	0	1	0	0	9	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	0	1	0	0	0	1	3.0	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9	8	0	1	0	0	9	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	1	1	1	0	0	3	3.0	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9	8	0	1	0	0	9	3.8
Written decision free from personal bias															1	3	1	0	0	5	3.0
Section III: Communication Skills	4	3	3	0	0	11	3.0	13	0	1	0	0	14	3.9							
Attentiveness	7	5	5	0	0	17	3.1	13	0	1	0	0	14	3.9							
Demeanor in communications with counsel	4	3	3	0	0	10	3.1														
Appropriate restrictions on counsel during argument	2	1	1	0	0	4	3.3	12	0	1	0	0	13	3.8							
Relevant questions	5	3	5	1	0	14	2.9	13	0	1	0	0	14	3.9							
Preparation for oral argument	4	3	2	1	0	10	3.0														
Clear and logical communications																					
Section IV: Judicial temperament	5	4	3	0	0	12	3.2	15	0	1	0	0	15	3.9							
Understanding and compassion																					
Dignified	5	4	3	0	0	12	3.2	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9							
Courteous	5	4	3	0	0	12	3.2	15	0	0	0	0	15	4.0							
Patient	5	4	2	0	0	11	3.3	15	0	0	0	0	15	4.0							
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	5	2	4	0	0	11	3.1	14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9							
Section V: Administrative Performance	7	4	3	1	0	15	3.1	13	1	1	0	0	15	3.8	7	7	0	0	0	14	3.5
Punctual in conducting proceedings																					
Maintains proper control over courtroom																					
Prepared for proceedings								14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9							
Respectful treatment of staff																					
Cooperation with peers																					
Cooperation with staff																					
Efficient management of calendar																					
Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	7	4	3	1	0	15	3.1	12	2	1	0	0	15	3.7	7	7	0	0	0	14	3.5
Works effectively with other judges								13	1	1	0	0	15	3.8							
Works effectively with other court personnel								14	0	1	0	0	15	3.9							
Effective handling of incoming oral argument								13	1	1	0	0	15	3.8							

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Section I: Legal Ability	58%	18%	20%	3%	0%	3.3	80%	13%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	46%	44%	9%	1%	0%	3.3
Legal reasoning ability	60%	13%	27%	0%	0%	3.3	80%	13%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	44%	50%	6%	0%	0%	3.4
Knowledge of law	60%	13%	20%	7%	0%	3.3	73%	20%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	50%	38%	13%	0%	0%	3.4
Decisions based on law and facts	53%	27%	20%	0%	0%	3.3	87%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8	44%	39%	11%	6%	0%	3.2
Clearly written, legally supported decisions	60%	20%	13%	7%	0%	3.3	80%	13%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	44%	50%	6%	0%	0%	3.4
Section II: Integrity	46%	43%	11%	0%	0%	3.4	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9	80%	8%	12%	0%	0%	3.7
Basic fairness and impartiality	60%	20%	20%	0%	0%	3.4	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9	60%	27%	13%	0%	0%	3.5
Equal treatment regardless of race	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	3.0	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9	89%	0%	11%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of gender	60%	40%	0%	0%	0%	3.6	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9	89%	0%	11%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of religion	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	3.0	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9	89%	0%	11%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	3.0	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9	89%	0%	11%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of disability	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	3.0	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9	89%	0%	11%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of age	60%	40%	0%	0%	0%	3.6	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9	89%	0%	11%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	3.0	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9	89%	0%	11%	0%	0%	3.8
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	33%	33%	33%	0%	0%	3.0	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9	89%	0%	11%	0%	0%	3.8
Written decision free from personal bias													20%	60%	20%	0%	0%	3.0
Section III: Communication Skills	40%	27%	29%	4%	0%	3.0	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9						
Attentiveness	41%	29%	29%	0%	0%	3.1	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9						
Demeanor in communications with counsel	40%	30%	30%	0%	0%	3.1												
Appropriate restrictions on counsel during argument	50%	25%	25%	0%	0%	3.3	92%	0%	8%	0%	0%	3.8						
Relevant questions	36%	21%	36%	7%	0%	2.9	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9						
Preparation for oral argument	40%	30%	20%	10%	0%	3.0												
Clear and logical communications																		
Section IV: Judicial temperament	43%	30%	26%	0%	0%	3.2	97%	0%	3%	0%	0%	3.9						
Understanding and compassion																		
Dignified	42%	33%	25%	0%	0%	3.2	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9						
Courteous	42%	33%	25%	0%	0%	3.2	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
Patient	45%	36%	18%	0%	0%	3.3	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.0						
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	45%	18%	36%	0%	0%	3.1	93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9						
Section V: Administrative Performance	47%	27%	20%	7%	0%	3.1	88%	5%	7%	0%	0%	3.8	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	3.5
Punctual in conducting proceedings																		
Maintains proper control over courtroom																		
Prepared for proceedings							93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9						
Respectful treatment of staff																		
Cooperation with peers																		
Cooperation with staff																		
Efficient management of calendar																		
Promptness in making rulings and rendering decisions	47%	27%	20%	7%	0%	3.1	80%	13%	7%	0%	0%	3.7	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	3.5
Works effectively with other judges							87%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8						
Works effectively with other court personnel							93%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3.9						
Effective handling of ongoing workload							87%	7%	7%	0%	0%	3.8						

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