

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. Quintin Cushner

2024		
Evaluation Category	Total Survey Responses	Average Percentage of Satisfactory or Above
Legal Ability	49	93%
Integrity	88	97%
Communication Skills	104	91%
Judicial Temperament	109	96%
Administrative Performance	109	96%
Settlement Activities	25	88%

Responses based upon 123 returned survey questionnaires from a distribution of 587 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. Quintin Cushner	ATTORNEY					LIT/WIT/PRO PER					JUROR													
	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	42	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	62	Resp	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	0	Resp	Mean
Section I: Legal Ability	15	9	9	3	1	36	3.0																	
Legal reasoning ability	15	10	7	4	1	37	2.9																	
Knowledge of substantive law	13	10	8	4	0	35	2.9																	
Knowledge of rules of evidence	15	8	10	1	0	34	3.1																	
Knowledge of rules of procedure	17	6	10	3	1	37	2.9																	
Section II: Integrity	13	6	6	0	0	26	3.2	28	15	4	1	1	50	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Basic fairness and impartiality	19	11	6	1	1	38	3.2	27	20	7	3	2	59	3.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of race	14	6	6	0	0	26	3.3	30	14	4	2	1	51	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of gender	17	7	6	1	0	31	3.3	29	19	5	3	2	58	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of religion	11	6	6	0	0	23	3.2	28	13	3	0	0	44	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	11	5	5	1	0	22	3.2	28	14	2	0	0	44	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of disability	12	5	6	0	0	23	3.3	25	13	3	1	1	43	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of age	11	6	7	0	0	24	3.2	30	15	4	2	0	51	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	11	4	6	0	0	21	3.2	26	14	5	0	1	46	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	14	6	5	1	0	26	3.3	26	16	7	2	2	53	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section III: Communication Skills	18	10	5	4	2	39	3.0	30	12	7	3	1	51	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Clear and logical communications																								
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	18	12	5	5	1	41	3.0																	
Clear and logical written decisions	16	9	6	5	1	37	2.9																	
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	21	9	4	1	4	39	3.1																	
Explained proceedings (to the jury)								33	15	5	3	1	57	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Explained reason for delays								26	8	8	2	1	45	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	21	10	7	2	0	40	3.3	33	14	7	2	1	56	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Understanding and compassion	19	10	7	3	0	39	3.2	30	13	9	1	2	55	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Dignified	22	9	9	0	0	40	3.3	34	14	6	2	0	56	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Courteous	22	11	7	0	0	40	3.4	35	13	8	1	0	57	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	22	8	4	4	2	40	3.1	33	14	5	2	4	58	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Patient	21	10	7	1	0	39	3.3	35	14	5	2	0	56	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Section V: Administrative Performance	22	7	7	2	1	39	3.2	35	16	5	1	1	58	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Punctual in conducting proceedings	23	11	4	2	1	41	3.3	36	17	5	0	0	58	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Maintained proper control of courtroom	23	8	9	0	0	40	3.4	35	15	5	1	1	57	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	19	7	9	1	1	37	3.1																	
Was prepared for the proceedings	23	5	8	4	0	40	3.2	35	15	6	2	1	59	3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Respectful treatment of staff																								
Cooperation with peers																								
Efficient management of calendar	21	5	7	4	2	39	3.0																	
Section VI: Settlement Activities	13	4	5	2	1	25	3.0																	
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	13	4	5	2	1	25	3.0																	

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Juror surveys from 9/2021 - 9/2023

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 104						Assignment: Family					Cycle: Retention Review							
	ATTORNEY					42	LIT/WIT/PROPER					62	JUROR					0	
Hon. Quintin Cushner	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	SU	VG	SA	PO	UN	Mean	
Section I: Legal Ability	42%	24%	24%	8%	1%	3.0													
Legal reasoning ability	41%	27%	19%	11%	3%	2.9													
Knowledge of substantive law	37%	29%	23%	11%	0%	2.9													
Knowledge of rules of evidence	44%	24%	29%	3%	0%	3.1													
Knowledge of rules of procedure	46%	16%	27%	8%	3%	2.9													
Section II: Integrity	51%	24%	23%	2%	0%	3.2	55%	31%	9%	3%	2%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Basic fairness and impartiality	50%	29%	16%	3%	3%	3.2	46%	34%	12%	5%	3%	3.1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of race	54%	23%	23%	0%	0%	3.3	59%	27%	8%	4%	2%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of gender	55%	23%	19%	3%	0%	3.3	50%	33%	9%	5%	3%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of religion	48%	26%	26%	0%	0%	3.2	64%	30%	7%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of national origin	50%	23%	23%	5%	0%	3.2	64%	32%	5%	0%	0%	3.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of disability	52%	22%	26%	0%	0%	3.3	58%	30%	7%	2%	2%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of age	46%	25%	29%	0%	0%	3.2	59%	29%	8%	4%	0%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation	52%	19%	29%	0%	0%	3.2	57%	30%	11%	0%	2%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Equal treatment regardless of economic status	54%	23%	19%	4%	0%	3.3	49%	30%	13%	4%	4%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section III: Communication Skills	47%	26%	13%	9%	5%	3.0	58%	23%	13%	5%	2%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Clear and logical communications																			
Clear and logical oral communications and directions	44%	29%	12%	12%	2%	3.0													
Clear and logical written decisions	43%	24%	16%	14%	3%	2.9													
Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard	54%	23%	10%	3%	10%	3.1													
Explained proceedings (to the jury)							58%	26%	9%	5%	2%	3.3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Explained reason for delays							58%	18%	18%	4%	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	54%	24%	17%	4%	1%	3.3	59%	24%	12%	3%	2%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Understanding and compassion	49%	26%	18%	8%	0%	3.2	55%	24%	16%	2%	4%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Dignified	55%	23%	23%	0%	0%	3.3	61%	25%	11%	4%	0%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Courteous	55%	28%	18%	0%	0%	3.4	61%	23%	14%	2%	0%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court	55%	20%	10%	10%	5%	3.1	57%	24%	9%	3%	7%	3.2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Patient	54%	26%	18%	3%	0%	3.3	63%	25%	9%	4%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Section V: Administrative Performance	55%	18%	19%	6%	2%	3.2	61%	27%	9%	2%	1%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Punctual in conducting proceedings	56%	27%	10%	5%	2%	3.3	62%	29%	9%	0%	0%	3.5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Maintained proper control of courtroom	58%	20%	23%	0%	0%	3.4	61%	26%	9%	2%	2%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions	51%	19%	24%	3%	3%	3.1													
Was prepared for the proceedings	58%	13%	20%	10%	0%	3.2	59%	25%	10%	3%	2%	3.4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	
Respectful treatment of staff																			
Cooperation with peers																			
Efficient management of calendar	54%	13%	18%	10%	5%	3.0													
Section VI: Settlement Activities	52%	16%	20%	8%	4%	3.0													
Appropriately promoted or conducted settlement	52%	16%	20%	8%	4%	3.0													

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Superior Court

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	PEER JUDGE					Total	Mean
Hon. Quintin Cushner	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA		
Section I: Legal Ability	12	0	1	0	0	14	4.8
Decisions based on law and facts	12	0	1	0	0	13	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	12	0	2	0	0	14	4.7
Knowledge of rules of procedure	12	1	1	0	0	14	4.8
Section II: Integrity	11	1	0	0	0	12	4.9
Unbiased and impartial	11	1	0	0	0	12	4.9
Section III: Communication Skills	11	1	2	0	0	14	4.6
Communication skills	11	1	2	0	0	14	4.6
Section IV: Judicial temperament	12	1	1	0	0	13	4.8
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	11	1	1	0	0	13	4.8
Respectful to all individuals	12	1	0	0	0	13	4.9
Section V: Administrative Performance	11	1	0	0	0	12	4.9
Works effectively with other judges	13	1	0	0	0	14	4.9
Works effectively with court personnel	10	0	0	0	0	10	5.0
Efficient management of calendar	9	0	1	0	0	10	4.8
Does a fair share of work	11	1	0	0	0	12	4.9

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Superior Court

Name of Judge:	Total Surveys: 19					Fall 2023
Hon. Quintin Cushner	PEER JUDGE					Mean
	EX	VG	AC	PO	FA	
Section I: Legal Ability	88%	2%	10%	0%	0%	4.8
Decisions based on law and facts	92%	0%	8%	0%	0%	4.8
Knowledge of rules of evidence	86%	0%	14%	0%	0%	4.7
Knowledge of rules of procedure	86%	7%	7%	0%	0%	4.8
Section II: Integrity	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Unbiased and impartial	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Section III: Communication Skills	79%	7%	14%	0%	0%	4.6
Communication skills	79%	7%	14%	0%	0%	4.6
Section IV: Judicial temperament	88%	8%	4%	0%	0%	4.8
Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	85%	8%	8%	0%	0%	4.8
Respectful to all individuals	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Section V: Administrative Performance	93%	4%	2%	0%	0%	4.9
Works effectively with other judges	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4.9
Works effectively with court personnel	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.0
Efficient management of calendar	90%	0%	10%	0%	0%	4.8
Does a fair share of work	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.9

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