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## Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review Announces Official Performance Ratings for Judges

The Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review ("the Commission") has released its official findings on the judicial performance of each merit-selected judge who is eligible for retention on the 2024 general election ballot. Detailed information about these judges can be found in the Publicity Pamphlet published by the Secretary of State and sent to registered voters, or by visiting [aziudges.info](http://aziudges.info).

### How the Commission Works

Arizona has judges who are elected directly by voters and judges who are appointed by the governor after a merit selection process. Appointed judges will then later appear on the ballot for voters to decide whether to keep them as judges. To help voters decide, Arizona's Constitution created the Commission, comprised of public members, attorneys, and judges. The Commission evaluates the judicial performance of merit-selected judges through survey responses submitted by jurors, witnesses, litigants, people who represent themselves in court, attorneys, and court staff who have observed the judge at work. Judges are evaluated on their legal ability, integrity, communication, temperament, and administrative performance.

Survey responses are used to evaluate key aspects of each judge's performance. The Commission uses this public input to decide whether each judge on the retention ballot "Meets" or "Does Not Meet" judicial performance standards.

The Commission reports its decision and the information collected from the surveys in the Secretary of State's Publicity Pamphlet and on the Judicial Performance Review [website](http://www.jpr.az.gov). Arizona citizens can use the Commission's findings and data reports to be an informed voter.

Judges under the merit selection and retention system appear on the ballot as nonpartisan candidates. Therefore, a judge's political affiliation is not considered or included in the Commission's report or the Publicity Pamphlet.

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The following justices and judges will appear on the 2024 General Election Ballot:

**Arizona Supreme Court**

Hon. Clint Bolick  
Hon. Kathryn Hackett King

**Court of Appeals, Division 1**

Hon. Brian Y. Furuya  
Hon. Angela K. Paton

**Court of Appeals, Division 2**

Hon. Peter J. Eckerstrom  
Hon. Christopher Staring

**Superior Court in Coconino County**

Hon. Stacy L. Krueger

**Superior Court in Maricopa County**

Hon. Jay R. Adleman	Hon. David W. Garbarino	Hon. Keith J. Miller
Hon. Sara Agne	Hon. Pamela Gates	Hon. Scott Minder
Hon. Glenn A. Allen	Hon. Michael D. Gordon	Hon. David J. Palmer
Hon. Stasy D. Avelar	Hon. Ashley V. Halvorson	Hon. Amanda Moncayo Parker
Hon. Justin Beresky	Hon. John R. Hannah Jr.	Hon. Adele Ponce
Hon. Scott A. Blaney	Hon. Michael W. Kemp	Hon. Andrew J. Russell
Hon. Lori H. Bustamante	Hon. James Knapp	Hon. Timothy J. Ryan
Hon. Rodrick J. Coffey	Hon. Margaret B. LaBianca	Hon. Patricia A. Starr
Hon. Suzanne E. Cohen	Hon. Todd Lang	Hon. Peter A. Thompson
Hon. Christopher A. Coury	Hon. Michael S. Mandell	Hon. Michael F. Valenzuela
Hon. Quintin Cushner	Hon. Suzanne S. Marwil	Hon. Lisa A. VandenBerg
Hon. Jim Drake	Hon. M. Scott McCoy	Hon. Lisa S. Wahlin
Hon. Adam D. Driggs	Hon. David E. McDowell	Hon. Kevin Wein
Hon. Ronda R. Fisk	Hon. Joseph P. Mikitish	Hon. Christopher T. Whitten

**Superior Court in Pima County**

Hon. Lisa I. Abrams	Hon. Kellie L. Johnson
Hon. Kyle A. Bryson	Hon. Kenneth Lee
Hon. Michael J. Butler	Hon. Scott D. McDonald
Hon. Gary J. Cohen	Hon. Casey McGinley
Hon. Danielle J. K. Constant	Hon. D. Douglas Metcalf
Hon. Richard Gordon	Hon. D. Greg Sakall
Hon. Brenden J. Griffin	Hon. Joan Wagener
Hon. Kimberly A. Harris Ortiz	Hon. Wayne E. Yehling

**Superior Court in Pinal County**

Hon. Patrick K. Gard  
Hon. Joseph R. Georgini  
Hon. Jason Holmberg  
Hon. Robert C. Olson