


Judicial Performance Review

2017 Survey Distribution Process

February 1 – May 26




Welcome to JPR Training!

- The purpose of Judicial Performance Review (JPR)
- The role of judicial staff
- Materials provided
- Survey instructions 
- Where to get help






What's the big deal?

- The surveys are designed to evaluate four categories of judicial performance:
 - Integrity
 - Communication Skills
 - Judicial Temperament
 - Administrative Performance
 - The results of these surveys are a reflection of your judge's performance on the bench and they are available to all voters in Arizona.
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What is Judicial Performance Review (JPR)?

- Every four years merit selection judges must stand for retention election. The Constitution requires that judges are surveyed on their performance prior to each general election.
 - Surveys are distributed to attorneys, other judges, litigants, witnesses, pro pers, jurors and staff.
 - The JPR Commission reviews the survey results and votes on whether a judge "Meets" or "Does Not Meet" judicial standards.
 - Survey results and the Commission vote are printed for the public in the Secretary of State's Voter Pamphlet which is mailed to every home in Arizona.
 - Voters use this information to decide whether or not to retain the judges in office.
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Distributing the Surveys Litigants & Witnesses-Part One

The survey forms are color coded:

- **Ivory survey forms** are to be distributed to pro pers, plaintiffs, defendants and witnesses who have significant interaction with your judge
 - Significant Interaction:**
 - ✓ discussions regarding the case
 - ✓ question and answer period with the judge
 - ✓ presentation of reports regarding the case
 - ✓ if **YOU** think the individual could answer the questions on the survey, based on contact with the judge
- **Green survey forms** are exactly the same as the ivory forms, but for Spanish speakers.

Distributing the Surveys Litigants & Witnesses-Part Two

- **Pro Pers** (persons representing themselves) who appear to have reached an age capable of understanding and completing the survey
- **In-custody Defendants** – only if they are not represented by an attorney - if represented by attorney, only if they are sworn in to testify
- **Plaintiffs & Defendants Represented by Attorneys** – if they are sworn in and testify and if they have significant interaction with the judge
- **Witnesses** – if they are sworn in and testify and who have reached an age capable of understanding and completing the survey
- **Other** –Law enforcement officers, probation officers, CASA volunteers, DES caseworkers, victims, expert witnesses, etc. IF they've had significant interaction with the judge
- **Telephonic Appearances** – mail survey form to all those who meet the above parameters as to qualifying interaction with the judge

Distributing the Surveys-Jurors

- **Blue Survey forms** are for jurors who have been sworn in and serve on a case.
 - ✓ jurors sworn in and serving on a case should be given a survey when a verdict is reached
 - ✓ alternate jurors should be given a survey when they are discharged

Important: If your judge gets assigned to a jury trial while on a non-jury bench, please inform your JPR contact immediately to receive blue juror surveys.

Do Not give surveys to jurors who only appear at voir dire and do not get sworn in or serve on a case.



Instructions for Survey Respondents

- Instruct each person to:
 - ✓ Complete the survey at their earliest convenience
 - ✓ When completed, fold the survey in half with the address of *The Docking Institute* and the postage showing on the outside
 - ✓ Tape the survey at the top where it is open
 - ✓ Place the survey in the mail – no postage is necessary




Keeping Count

English	
Spanish	
Juror	

- Keeping an accurate count of the number of surveys you distribute is **VERY** important. Instructions on how to do this for your court will be provided when you pick up your materials.

What About Attorneys?

- Attorneys receive an electronic survey via email; **DO NOT** hand out paper surveys to attorneys
- Ask each attorney who appears in court to complete the form with their full name and email address
- Let each attorney know they will be receiving a JPR survey by email

Things to Remember

- February 1 – May 26
- Door signs on courtroom & chambers doors
- Surveys follow the judge
- Reprints require at least two weeks
- Keep an accurate count of surveys handed out
- This process is **required** by the Arizona **Constitution** and it is very important to your judge
- We are here to help-call or email with any questions

Thank You!