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**COMMISSION INVITES PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON PERFORMANCE OF  
JUSTICES AND JUDGES ON 2012 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

The Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review will hold public hearings at the following times and locations to take comments from the public about the judges on the 2012 retention election ballot:

**March 7, 2012 - Phoenix**

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Arizona State Courts Building  
1501 W. Washington Street  
Conference Room 345

**March 14, 2012 - Tucson**

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
West Side Police Service Center  
1310 West Miracle Mile  
Rillito Room

**March 21, 2012 – Florence**

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Pinal County Justice Center  
971 Jason Lopez Circle  
Building A

Established in 1992 by a constitutional amendment passed by voters, the 30-member Commission is charged with conducting performance reviews of judges. It sets performance standards for judges, decides whether or not a judge meets those standards, and publishes its findings for voters.

In addition to holding the public hearings, the Commission surveyed litigants, witnesses, jurors, people who represented themselves in court, staff and attorneys who appeared before Superior Court judges from August 29 through December 30, 2011. Surveys on appellate court justices and judges are distributed throughout their term. More than 57,000 surveys on Arizona judges were distributed in 2011.

The Commission's findings will be released to the public before the 2012 general election in the Secretary of State's Voter Pamphlet. The findings will also be available on the Commission's website at [www.azjudges.info](http://www.azjudges.info). Voters will decide whether judges remain in office on November 6.

