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Applicants Sought for Judicial Performance Review Commission

The Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review (JPR) is currently recruiting for public members from Gila, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Yuma Counties. The JPR Commission is a constitutionally-mandated commission which conducts periodic performance reviews of merit selection judges and makes recommendations to voters regarding judges who stand for retention election. The JPR Commission is composed of 34 members appointed by the Supreme Court. Members serve four-year terms and the Commission includes members of the public, attorneys and judges.

The judicial performance review process assists voters in evaluating the performance of judges standing for retention, facilitates self-improvement of all judges subject to retention, promotes appropriate judicial assignments, assists in identifying needed judicial education programs, and otherwise generally promotes the goals of judicial performance review, which are to protect judicial independence while fostering public accountability of the judiciary.

Superior Court judges in Coconino, Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal counties undergo Judicial Performance Review, as well as Supreme Court Justices and judges on the Court of Appeals, Divisions One and Two. The JPR Commission reviews the performance of justices and judges on the ballot for retention, using performance standards established by the Rules of Procedure for Judicial Performance Review and based on surveys from people who observe the judges' performance. Information is also collected at public hearings and through judicial discipline records. The results of the Commission's review are provided to voters online at <https://www.azcourts.gov/jpr/> and through the Arizona Secretary of State's voter publicity pamphlet to help voters make informed decisions, including whether a justice or judge meets or does not meet established standards.

The Commission meets four to six times a year in Phoenix and members are reimbursed for travel expenses. Service on this commission involves active participation and members should commit to attending all meetings.

Applications must be submitted by **October 1, 2020** and the form is available online at: <https://www.azcourts.gov/Portals/148/documents/Volunteer-MemberInformationForm.pdf>. The application can also be requested by sending an email to: JPR@courts.az.gov or by calling 602-452-3098.

More information about Judicial Performance Review can be found at www.azjudges.info.