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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 whose name will appear on the 2020 General Election Ballot. Voters can find detailed information about each judge in the Publicity Pamphlet published by the Secretary of State and sent to registered voters. Voters may also find detailed information about the judges who appear on their ballots by visiting www.azjudges.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 then appear on the ballot for the 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 rate 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 at www.azjudges.info. Voters 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 in the Publicity Pamphlet.



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The following justices and judges will appear on the 2020 General Election Ballot:

Arizona Supreme Court:

Robert Brutinel
Andrew Gould
John Lopez, IV

Court of Appeals, Division I:

Jennifer Campbell James Morse, Jr.
Maria Elena Cruz Jennifer Perkins
Randall Howe Samuel Thumma
Paul McMurdie David Weinzweig

Court of Appeals, Division II:

Sean Brearcliffe
Karl Eppich
Garye Vasquez

Superior Court in Coconino County:

Cathleen Brown Nichols

Superior Court in Maricopa County:

Jay Adleman	Michael Gordon	Karen Mullins
Sara Agne	John Hannah, Jr.	David Palmer
Justin Beresky	Michael Kemp	Adele Ponce
Scott Blaney	Daniel Kiley	Timothy Ryan
Lori Horn Bustamante	Margaret LaBianca	Teresa Sanders
Rodrick Coffey	Todd Lang	Patricia Starr
Bruce Cohen	Margaret Mahoney	Sherry Stephens
Suzanne Cohen	Michael Mandell	Timothy Thomason
Connie Contes	Suzanne S. Marwil	Peter Thompson
Christopher Coury	M. Scott McCoy	David Udall
Adam Driggs	Kathleen Mead	Lisa Ann Vandenberg
Ronda Fisk	Joseph Mikitish	Kevin Wein
Pamela Gates	Scott Minder	Christopher Whitten
Jo Lynn Gentry		

Superior Court in Pima County:

Renee Bennett	Kenneth Lee
Deborah Bernini	Scott McDonald
Kyle Bryson	Casey McGinley
Michael Butler	D. Douglas Metcalf
Richard Gordon	Greg Sakall
Brenden Griffin	Paul Tang
John Hinderaker	Joan Wagener
Kellie Johnson	Wayne Yehling

Superior Court in Pinal County:

Patrick Gard
Joseph Georgini
Jason Holmberg
Stephen McCarville
Robert Carter Olson
Christopher O'Neil



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