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PUBLIC INVITED TO COMMENT ON PERFORMANCE OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES ON 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

The Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review will hold a public hearing on **Oct. 24** in Phoenix to take comments about the judges on the 2026 retention election ballot. **The public hearing will begin immediately following the business meeting, which starts at 9:30 a.m. in Room 101 of the State Courts Building at 1501 W. Washington Street.**

Members of the public who wish to comment on judges eligible for retention on the 2026 general election ballot may appear at the public hearing in person, by Zoom, by phone, or may send written comments to the Commission on Judicial Performance Review, 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ 85007-3231. Comments can also be submitted through the Commission’s web page at azjudges.info and via email to jpr@courts.az.gov. Names and addresses of the individuals who wish to speak are required. Written comments will not be considered unless legible and unless the name and address of the author are included.

The meeting agenda and public meeting notice containing additional details can be found on the Commission’s website at azjudges.info.

Established in 1992 by a constitutional amendment passed by voters, the Commission is charged with conducting performance reviews of judges. It sets performance standards for judges, decides whether a judge meets those standards, and publishes its findings for voters.

In addition to holding the public hearing, the Commission surveyed litigants, witnesses, jurors, people who represent themselves in court, staff, and attorneys who appeared before Superior Court judges during a specific period in 2025. Surveys on appellate court justices and judges are distributed throughout their term.

The Commission’s findings will be released to the public before the 2026 general election in the Secretary of State’s Voter Pamphlet. All judges who will appear on the 2026 general election ballot are listed below, but only judges for whom individual voters can cast a ballot will be on individual ballots based on voting precincts. The Commission findings will also be available on the Commission’s website at azjudges.info. Voters will decide whether judges remain in office on Nov. 3, 2026.

Comments are invited on the following judges:

ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

Hon. John R. Lopez IV

COURT OF APPEALS DIVISION I

Hon. Michael S. Catlett

Hon. Anni L. Hill Foster

Hon. Randall M. Howe

Hon. Andrew M. Jacobs

COURT OF APPEALS DIVISION I

Hon. Daniel J. Kiley

Hon. James B. Morse

Hon. Jennifer M. Perkins

Hon. Samuel A. Thumma

Hon. David Weinzweig

COURT OF APPEALS DIVISION II

Hon. Sean Brearcliffe

Hon. Karl C. Eppich

Hon. Lacey Stover Gard

Hon. Michael F. Kelly

Hon. Christopher J. O’Neil

Hon. Jeffrey L. Sklar

Hon. Garye L. Vasquez

COCONINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Hon. Ted Reed
Hon. Joshua C. Steinlage

MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Hon. Bradley Astrowsky
Hon. Michael C. Blair
Hon. John L. Blanchard
Hon. Mark H. Brain
Hon. Robert I. Brooks
Hon. Sunita A. Cairo
Hon. Michelle Carson
Hon. Gregory S. Como
Hon. Katherine M. Cooper
Hon. Max-Henri Covil
Hon. Kristin Culbertson
Hon. Marvin L. Davis
Hon. Pamela H. Dunne
Hon. Monica B. Edelstein
Hon. Dean M. Fink
Hon. Geoffrey Fish
Hon. Dewain Fox
Hon. Jillian B. Francis
Hon. Marischa H. Gilla
Hon. Jennifer Green
Hon. Lauren R. Guyton
Hon. Melody Garland Harmon
Hon. Michael J. Herrod
Hon. Charlene D. Jackson
Hon. Melissa I. Julian
Hon. Amy M. Kalman
Hon. Joseph S. Kiefer
Hon. Ronee Korbin Steiner
Hon. Joseph C. Kreamer
Hon. Kerstin G. LeMaire
Hon. Daniel G. Martin
Hon. Julie A. Mata
Hon. Steven W. McCarthy
Hon. Frank W. Moskowitz
Hon. Samuel J. Myers

MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Hon. Suzanne M. Nicholls
Hon. Colleen E. O'Donnell-Smith
Hon. Susanna C. Pineda
Hon. Jay Polk
Hon. Michael Z. Rassas
Hon. Joshua D. Rogers
Hon. Jeffrey Rueter
Hon. Jennifer Ryan-Touhill
Hon. Aryeh D. Schwartz
Hon. Joan M. Sinclair
Hon. Danielle J. Viola
Hon. Randall H. Warner
Hon. Joseph C. Welty
Hon. Tracey Westerhausen
Hon. Chuck Whitehead
Hon. Paula A. Williams
Hon. William R. Wingard
Hon. Cassie B. Woo
Hon. Melissa M. Zabor

PIMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Hon. Sandra M. Bensley
Hon. Jeffrey T. Bergin
Hon. Janet C. Bostwick
Hon. Randi L. Burnett
Hon. J. Alan Goodwin
Hon. Cynthia Kuhn
Hon. Danelle Liwski
Hon. Kathleen A. Quigley
Hon. Laurie B. San Angelo
Hon. Catherine M. Woods

PINAL COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Hon. Jessica K. Dixon
Hon. Steven J. Fuller
Hon. Danielle Harris
Hon. Delia R. Neal
Hon. Karen F. Palmer
Hon. Daniel A. Washburn