

Superior Court of Arizona in Pinal County
Court Commissioner Judicial Performance Review

<i>Commissioner:</i>	Dwight P. Callahan
<i>Appointment Date:</i>	September 1, 2013
<i>Assignment:</i>	CRIMINAL (JAIL)

LITIGANT/WITNESSES/JURORS/PRO PERS

Surveys sent: 30
Surveys returned: 6 (20% returned)

	Superior/Very Good/ Satisfactory
Litigant/Witness/Juror/Pro Per Survey Questions	
Section I: Integrity	
<i>Basic fairness and impartiality.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of race.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of gender.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of religion.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of national origins.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of disability.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of age.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of economic status.</i>	100%
Section II: Communication Skills	
<i>Explained proceedings.</i>	100%
<i>Explained reasons for delays</i>	100%
<i>If a Juror, Clearly explained the juror's responsibilities.</i>	100%
Section III: Judicial Temperament	
<i>Understanding and compassion.</i>	100%
<i>Dignified.</i>	100%
<i>Courteous.</i>	100%
<i>Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and commissioner's ability.</i>	100%
<i>Patient.</i>	100%
Section IV: Administrative Performance	
<i>Punctual in conducting proceedings.</i>	100%
<i>Maintained proper control in courtroom.</i>	100%
<i>Was prepared for the proceedings.</i>	100%

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ATTORNEYS

Surveys sent: 23
Surveys returned: 7 (30.43% returned)

	Superior/Very Good/ Satisfactory
Attorney Survey Questions	
Section I: Legal Ability	
<i>Legal reasoning ability.</i>	86%
<i>Knowledge of substantive law.</i>	86%
<i>Knowledge of rules of evidence.</i>	86%
<i>Knowledge of rules of procedures.</i>	86%
Section II: Integrity	
<i>Basic fairness and impartiality.</i>	71%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of race.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of gender.</i>	75%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of religion.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of national origins.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of disability.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of age.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of economic status.</i>	100%
Section III: Communication Skills	
<i>Clear and logical oral communication and directions.</i>	71%
<i>Clear and logical written decisions.</i>	83%
<i>Gave all parties an adequate opportunity to be heard.</i>	100%
Section IV: Judicial Temperament	
<i>Understanding and compassion.</i>	83%
<i>Dignified.</i>	86%
<i>Courteous.</i>	86%
<i>Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and Commissioner's ability.</i>	57%
<i>Patient.</i>	80%
Section V: Administrative Performance	
<i>Punctual in conducting proceedings.</i>	100%
<i>Maintained proper control in courtroom.</i>	100%
<i>Prompt in making rulings and rendering decisions.</i>	100%
<i>Was prepared for the proceedings.</i>	100%
<i>Efficient management of the calendar.</i>	71%
Section VI: Settlement Activities	
<i>Appropriately conducted or promoted settlement.</i>	50%

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STAFF

Surveys sent: 34
Surveys returned: 8 (23.4% Returned)

	Superior/Very Good/ Satisfactory
Staff Survey Questions	
Section I: Integrity	
<i>Basic fairness and impartiality.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of race.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of gender.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of religion.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of national origins.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of disability.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of age.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation.</i>	100%
<i>Equal treatment regardless of economic status.</i>	100%
Section II: Communication Skills	
<i>Clear and logical communications.</i>	75%
Section III: Judicial Temperament	
<i>Understanding and compassion.</i>	100%
<i>Dignified.</i>	100%
<i>Courteous.</i>	100%
<i>Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and commissioner's ability.</i>	100%
<i>Patient</i>	100%
Section IV: Administrative Performance	
<i>Punctual in conducting proceedings.</i>	100%
<i>Maintained proper control in courtroom.</i>	100%
<i>Was prepared for the proceedings.</i>	100%
<i>Respectful treatment of staff.</i>	100%
<i>Cooperation with peers.</i>	100%
<i>Efficient management of calendar.</i>	100%

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Litigant/Witness/Juror Surveys

SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

Survey #

LITIGANTS/WITNESSES/JURORS

Integrity

- 1 Basic fairness and impartiality
- 2 Equal treatment regardless of race
- 3 Equal treatment regardless of gender
- 4 Equal treatment regardless of religion
- 5 Equal treatment regardless of national origin
- 6 Equal treatment regardless of disability
- 7 Equal treatment regardless of age
- 8 Equal treatment regardless of sexual orientation
- 9 Equal treatment regardless of economic status

Communication Skills

- 10 Explained proceedings
- 11 Explained reasons for delays
- *12 Clearly explained juror's responsibilities (juror's only)

Judicial Temperament

- 13 Understanding and compassion
- 14 Dignified
- 15 Courteous
- 16 Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability
- 17 Patient

Administrative Performance

- 18 Punctual in conducting proceedings
- 19 Maintained proper control in the Courtroom
- 20 Was prepared for the proceedings

For comments see Word file under each Commissioner

SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

Survey #

ATTORNEYS

Legal Ability

- 1 Legal reasoning ability
- 2 Knowledge of substantive law
- 3 Knowledge of rules of evidence
- 4 Knowledge of rules of procedure

Integrity

- 5 Basic fairness and impartiality

Avg Rating based on # of Surveys	# of 1's	# of 2's	# of 3's	# of 4's	# of 5's
4.67	4	2	0	0	0
4.83	5	1	0	0	0
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4.67	4	2	0	0	0
4.5	3	3	0	0	0
4.67	4	2	0	0	0
4.83	5	1	0	0	0
4.5	3	3	0	0	0
4.67	4	2	0	0	0
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4.83	5	1	0	0	0
4.67	4	2	0	0	0
4.72 Mean					

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Attorney Surveys

Avg Rating based on # of Surveys	# of 1's	# of 2's	# of 3's	# of 4's	# of 5's
3.43	2	1	3	0	1
3.86	3	1	2	1	0
3.57	2	1	3	1	0
3.57	2	1	3	1	0
3.29	2	0	3	2	0

10	Clear and logical communications	3	2	2	4	5	5	5	3	3.63	3	1	2	2	0
	<u>Judicial Temperament</u>														
11	Understanding and compassion	0	3	3	5	5	5	4	4	3.63	3	2	2	0	0
12	Dignified	4	3	3	5	5	5	4	4	4.13	3	3	2	0	0
13	Courteous	4	3	3	5	5	5	4	4	4.13	3	3	2	0	0
14	Conduct that promotes public confidence in the court and judge's ability	4	3	3	5	5	5	4	4	4.13	3	3	2	0	0
15	Patient	4	3	3	5	5	5	3	4	4	3	2	3	0	0
	<u>Administrative Performance</u>														
16	Punctual in conducting proceedings	4	3	3	5	5	5	4	4	4.13	3	3	2	0	0
17	Maintained proper control in the Courtroom	4	3	3	5	5	5	5	4	4.25	4	2	2	0	0
18	Was prepared for the proceedings	4	3	3	5	5	5	4	4	4	2	3	2	0	0
19	Respectful treatment of staff	4	3	3	5	5	5	4	4	4	2	3	2	0	0
20	Cooperation with peers	4	3	3	5	5	5	4	4	4	2	3	2	0	0
21	Efficient management of calendar	4	3	3	5	5	5	4	3	4	3	2	3	0	0
										3.97	Mean				
										4.1					

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Atty Survey Number	Litigant Survey Number	Staff Survey Number	Comments
2			Can be unreasonable and he knows it. Tends to talk people out of plea agreements and admissions. Tells attorneys in open court that they are ineffective, which undermines attorney/client relations. Thinks he knows more than he really does.
3			The parties had reached a settlement which the named party was ready to accept. J. Callahan all but talked him out of the arrangement undermining his attorney's credibility and her efforts.
5			Dwight P Callahan's hubris is a detriment to his legal reasoning. He is consistent in misapplication of the law on a broad spectrum of issue.
7			If he does not like a law or statute he will ignore it.