

**The Missouri Bar  
2010 Trial Court Evaluation Survey**

**Judge: Hon. David M. Byrn  
16th Judicial Circuit**

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	<u>Blank</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	
Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	4	2	2	4	18	102	4.69
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	0	2	0	8	30	92	4.59
Is not affected by partisan considerations	2	2	4	16	22	86	4.43
Is prepared for hearings and trials	0	2	0	10	28	92	4.58
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	0	2	2	8	18	102	4.64
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	6	2	4	14	14	92	4.51
Gives reasons for rulings	8	2	6	14	18	84	4.42
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	0	2	2	2	18	108	4.73
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	6	2	0	6	16	102	4.71
Is competent in the law	4	2	2	12	24	88	4.52
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	12	4	6	16	18	76	4.30
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	8	2	2	10	30	80	4.48
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	4	2	0	14	28	84	4.50
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	12	2	6	12	18	82	4.43
Written opinions and orders are clear	14	2	2	8	30	76	4.49

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	10	2	4	6	32	78	4.48
Efficiently manages his/her docket	2	2	2	14	22	90	4.51
Issues timely opinions/decisions	6	2	2	12	30	80	4.46