

**The Missouri Bar
2010 Trial Court Evaluation Survey
Judge: Hon. James R. Hartenbach
21st Judicial Circuit**

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	4	6	10	16	48	418	4.73
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	4	12	14	10	50	412	4.68
Is not affected by partisan considerations	14	16	10	14	46	402	4.66
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	14	6	14	58	406	4.68
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	8	6	12	18	56	402	4.69
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	8	18	8	18	44	406	4.64
Gives reasons for rulings	8	6	18	16	66	388	4.64
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	8	8	4	16	40	426	4.77
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	12	6	4	8	46	426	4.80
Is competent in the law	4	8	6	18	48	418	4.73
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	16	8	10	24	56	388	4.66
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	16	16	6	18	56	390	4.64
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	6	8	2	16	58	412	4.74
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	8	16	14	14	44	406	4.64
Written opinions and orders are clear	24	6	8	20	56	388	4.70

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	12	12	6	24	54	394	4.66
Efficiently manages his/her docket	8	12	4	10	64	404	4.71
Issues timely opinions/decisions	16	6	4	20	60	396	4.72