

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

**Judge: Hon. Brenda Stith Loftin
21st Judicial Circuit**

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	2	38	24	48	58	100	3.59
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	4	40	44	48	58	76	3.32
Is not affected by partisan considerations	10	44	34	58	46	78	3.31
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	66	52	60	42	46	2.81
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	4	48	34	54	78	52	3.20
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	2	68	52	56	48	44	2.81
Gives reasons for rulings	8	62	54	54	50	42	2.83
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	6	52	24	42	76	70	3.33
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	8	46	20	46	64	86	3.47
Is competent in the law	2	96	50	50	36	36	2.50
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	10	82	40	64	36	38	2.65
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	16	72	26	78	40	38	2.79
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	2	90	48	50	44	36	2.58
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	18	72	32	56	44	48	2.86
Written opinions and orders are clear	16	78	42	58	36	40	2.68

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	14	70	42	68	36	40	2.74
Efficiently manages his/her docket	10	62	28	64	54	52	3.02
Issues timely opinions/decisions	14	66	28	56	58	48	2.98