

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

**Judge: Hon. David C. Mason
22nd Judicial Circuit**

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	2	50	34	42	54	124	3.55
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	70	40	40	56	98	3.24
Is not affected by partisan considerations	14	66	34	56	42	94	3.22
Is prepared for hearings and trials	2	90	48	62	32	72	2.83
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	0	82	36	54	62	72	3.02
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	0	90	46	48	54	68	2.88
Gives reasons for rulings	10	50	36	72	66	72	3.25
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	4	100	32	50	48	72	2.87
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	8	66	24	48	70	90	3.32
Is competent in the law	2	76	44	54	54	76	3.03
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	8	70	62	48	44	74	2.97
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	22	64	42	68	42	68	3.03
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	4	66	28	62	70	76	3.21
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	6	82	40	56	50	72	2.97
Written opinions and orders are clear	28	50	44	60	50	74	3.19

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	14	56	48	60	60	68	3.12
Efficiently manages his/her docket	8	108	42	44	44	60	2.68
Issues timely opinions/decisions	20	84	38	62	40	62	2.85