

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

**Judge: Hon. Joel F. May  
16th Judicial Circuit**

<u>Questions:</u>	<u>Number of Responses:</u>						<u>Average Rating</u>
	<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	2	2	2	2	20	74	4.62
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	4	6	4	16	70	4.42
Is not affected by partisan considerations	0	2	6	10	16	68	4.39
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	0	4	6	28	60	4.47
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	8	2	2	6	24	60	4.47
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	4	6	4	6	24	58	4.27
Gives reasons for rulings	6	6	2	6	26	56	4.29
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	6	2	2	0	24	68	4.60
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	6	0	2	2	24	68	4.65
Is competent in the law	2	8	6	8	22	56	4.12
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	8	6	4	12	20	52	4.15
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	16	2	6	8	22	48	4.26
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	6	10	4	4	22	56	4.15
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	6	6	4	8	18	60	4.27
Written opinions and orders are clear	12	4	2	10	18	56	4.33

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	12	4	2	14	20	50	4.22
Efficiently manages his/her docket	8	2	2	12	18	60	4.40
Issues timely opinions/decisions	16	0	4	10	20	52	4.40