

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

**Judge: Hon. Mark A. Powell
31st 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	0	12	8	22	28	172	4.40
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	10	12	26	30	162	4.34
Is not affected by partisan considerations	8	8	10	16	40	160	4.43
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	2	4	6	48	178	4.66
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	2	8	10	22	48	152	4.36
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	4	2	2	20	54	160	4.55
Gives reasons for rulings	10	0	6	20	58	148	4.50
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	0	26	14	36	28	138	3.98
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	0	6	6	12	56	162	4.50
Is competent in the law	0	0	0	6	52	184	4.74
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	14	0	0	24	42	162	4.61
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	12	0	0	12	60	158	4.63
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	4	0	0	10	50	178	4.71
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	6	2	8	22	54	150	4.45
Written opinions and orders are clear	22	0	2	22	38	158	4.60

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	8	0	4	22	48	160	4.56
Efficiently manages his/her docket	2	6	2	4	60	168	4.59
Issues timely opinions/decisions	12	2	0	12	46	170	4.66