

Missouri Bar Association  
2012 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey

Judge: Douglas R. Beach  
21st Judicial Circuit

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	2	14	10	14	30	130	4.27
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	1	13	13	22	35	116	4.15
Is not affected by partisan considerations	5	11	10	19	45	110	4.19
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	8	1	13	31	143	4.53
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	6	9	18	20	52	95	4.06
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	7	12	10	23	47	101	4.11
Gives reasons for rulings	4	10	6	27	40	113	4.22
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	4	17	17	21	38	103	3.98
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	3	9	7	19	33	129	4.35
Is competent in the law	3	8	5	16	26	142	4.47
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	7	9	6	24	33	121	4.30
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	9	10	3	22	38	118	4.31
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	5	7	4	18	32	134	4.45
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	5	14	11	20	46	104	4.10
Written opinions and orders are clear	7	8	4	23	46	112	4.30

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	9	9	7	25	44	106	4.21
Efficiently manages his/her docket	7	7	5	17	32	132	4.44
Issues timely opinions/decisions	7	8	2	20	36	127	4.41