

Missouri Bar Association
 2012 Appellate Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey

Judge: Thomas H. Newton
 Missouri Court of Appeals - Western District

<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>	
Being fair and impartial toward each side of the case	4	7	7	29	44	159	4.39
Writing opinions that are clear	10	7	13	35	59	126	4.18
Writing opinions that adequately explain the basis of the court's decision	9	8	17	32	57	127	4.15
Issuing opinions in a timely manner	8	6	3	34	58	141	4.34
Allowing parties to present their arguments and answer	10	6	4	23	34	173	4.52
Making decisions without regard to possible criticism	9	8	9	32	51	141	4.28
Making reasoned decisions based upon the law and facts	9	12	14	33	52	130	4.14
Refraining from reaching issues that need not be decided	8	10	7	22	73	130	4.26
Treating parties equally regardless of race, sex or economic status	9	7	7	22	23	182	4.52
Being courteous toward attorneys	3	6	3	17	24	197	4.63