

Missouri Bar Association  
2012 Trial Court Evaluation - Peer Survey

Judge: John R. Essner  
21st 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	0	0	0	3	6	4.67
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	0	0	0	0	3	6	4.67
Is not affected by partisan considerations	0	0	0	0	3	6	4.67
Is prepared for hearings and trials	0	0	0	0	3	6	4.67
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	0	0	0	0	3	6	4.67
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	1	0	0	0	2	6	4.75
Gives reasons for rulings	1	0	0	0	2	6	4.75
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	0	0	0	0	3	6	4.67
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	0	0	0	0	3	6	4.67
Is competent in the law	0	0	0	0	3	6	4.67
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	1	0	0	0	3	5	4.63
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	1	0	1	1	2	4	4.13
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	0	0	0	0	3	6	4.67
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	1	0	0	0	2	6	4.75
Written opinions and orders are clear	1	0	0	0	3	5	4.63

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<u>Clearly explains all oral decisions</u>	3	0	0	0	2	4	4.67
<u>Efficiently manages his/her docket</u>	0	1	1	2	2	3	3.56
<u>Issues timely opinions/decisions</u>	1	2	0	1	2	3	3.50