

Missouri Bar
2016 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Robert M. Heggie
21st Judicial Circuit

Professional Interaction:

1) Estimated number of evaluator's cases the judge has presided over during the judge's current term of office.

0 - 5 cases	86 %
6 - 10 cases	8 %
More than 10 cases	6 %

2) Estimated number of evaluator's cases that went to trial and decision during the judge's current term of office.

0 - 5 cases	98 %
6 - 10 cases	2 %
More than 10 cases	0 %

3) Of cases before the judge that went to trial and decision during the judge's current term of office, the rulings were:

Primarily in your party's favor	8 %
About equally in favor of and against your party	63 %
Primarily against your party	10 %
N/A	18 %

Survey Questions/Results:

	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)	N/A: Not Applicable	Average Rating
The judge treated the parties equally.	17	14	6	2	6	3	3.82
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	16	11	8	3	7	3	3.58
The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.	16	13	5	5	6	3	3.62
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	21	16	0	4	5	3	3.96
The judge was prepared for court.	20	21	0	2	2	4	4.22
The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.	12	18	5	2	5	7	3.71
Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision.	9	21	6	2	3	8	3.76

The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	10	19	4	4	5	4	3.60
The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.	19	17	1	2	6	3	3.91
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	23	17	1	0	3	3	4.30
The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.	10	25	2	2	6	2	3.69
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	17	19	5	0	4	4	4.00
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	11	23	2	4	4	5	3.75
The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.	13	22	1	1	6	5	3.81
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.	11	24	1	2	5	4	3.79
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	10	17	6	5	7	4	3.40
The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.	8	16	9	4	6	6	3.37
The judge issued an order that was clearly written.	10	16	7	1	3	10	3.78
The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom.	21	10	3	4	6	4	3.82