

Missouri Bar
2016 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Douglas A. Hosmer
31st 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	52 %
6 - 10 cases	10 %
More than 10 cases	39 %

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

0 - 5 cases	74 %
6 - 10 cases	6 %
More than 10 cases	19 %

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	23 %
About equally in favor of and against your party	32 %
Primarily against your party	10 %
N/A	35 %

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.	18	7	2	1	2	0	4.27
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	16	8	2	2	2	0	4.13
The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.	19	6	0	3	2	0	4.23
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	21	8	1	1	0	0	4.58
The judge was prepared for court.	20	7	1	2	0	0	4.50
The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.	18	8	2	1	0	1	4.48
Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision.	15	8	6	0	1	0	4.20

The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	16	6	3	3	0	0	4.25
The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.	21	6	0	2	1	0	4.47
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	14	12	0	4	0	0	4.20
The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.	15	13	1	1	0	0	4.40
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	15	11	2	2	0	0	4.30
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	16	9	3	0	2	0	4.23
The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.	15	10	2	1	2	0	4.17
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.	15	8	3	2	0	1	4.29
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	15	7	6	1	1	0	4.13
The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.	17	7	1	3	2	0	4.13
The judge issued an order that was clearly written.	15	10	2	1	1	0	4.28
The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom.	21	8	1	1	0	0	4.58