

Missouri Bar
2016 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Jeffrey C. Keal
16th 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	60 %
6 - 10 cases	22 %
More than 10 cases	18 %

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

0 - 5 cases	84 %
6 - 10 cases	10 %
More than 10 cases	6 %

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	26 %
About equally in favor of and against your party	44 %
Primarily against your party	10 %
N/A	20 %

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.	33	8	2	1	3	1	4.45
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	30	10	2	1	3	1	4.37
The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.	28	12	1	2	3	1	4.30
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	33	10	1	0	3	1	4.49
The judge was prepared for court.	30	10	3	0	3	1	4.39
The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.	25	11	3	1	3	5	4.26
Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision.	30	10	1	0	3	3	4.45

The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	29	12	0	2	3	1	4.35
The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.	33	8	2	0	3	1	4.48
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	24	16	2	2	3	1	4.19
The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.	26	15	1	0	4	1	4.28
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	28	14	2	0	3	1	4.36
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	29	12	1	0	3	1	4.42
The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.	28	14	1	0	3	2	4.39
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.	26	13	1	2	3	3	4.27
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	24	11	6	0	4	2	4.13
The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.	29	10	1	3	4	1	4.21
The judge issued an order that was clearly written.	24	12	1	0	3	8	4.35
The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom.	37	5	1	0	3	1	4.59