

**Missouri Bar**  
**2016 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey**  
**Judge: Ellen Levy-Siwak**  
**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.

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| 0 - 5 cases        | 85 % |
| 6 - 10 cases       | 9 %  |
| 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.

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| 0 - 5 cases        | 94 % |
| 6 - 10 cases       | 5 %  |
| More than 10 cases | 1 %  |

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

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| Primarily in your party's favor                  | 12 % |
| About equally in favor of and against your party | 41 % |
| Primarily against your party                     | 9 %  |
| N/A  | 38 % |

**Survey Questions/Results:**

|   | <b>Strongly Agree (5)</b> | <b>Agree (4)</b> | <b>Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)</b> | <b>Disagree (2)</b> | <b>Strongly Disagree (1)</b> | <b>N/A: Not Applicable</b> | <b>Average Rating</b> |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| The judge treated the parties equally.  | 33                        | 30               | 6                                     | 7                   | 7                            | 1                          | 3.92                  |
| The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.   | 33                        | 24               | 8                                     | 8                   | 6                            | 2                          | 3.89                  |
| The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.   | 31                        | 31               | 8                                     | 6                   | 5                            | 2                          | 3.95                  |
| The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.  | 36                        | 30               | 7                                     | 5                   | 5                            | 1                          | 4.05                  |
| The judge was prepared for court.   | 30                        | 27               | 15                                    | 6                   | 5                            | 1                          | 3.86                  |
| The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.  | 23                        | 27               | 15                                    | 5                   | 5                            | 9                          | 3.77                  |
| Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision. | 22                        | 32               | 14                                    | 4                   | 6                            | 7                          | 3.77                  |

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| The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.  | 28 | 23 | 11 | 10 | 6  | 6  | 3.73 |
| The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.   | 31 | 26 | 12 | 7  | 5  | 2  | 3.88 |
| The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.  | 26 | 29 | 13 | 7  | 9  | 1  | 3.67 |
| The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.   | 27 | 28 | 11 | 4  | 12 | 1  | 3.66 |
| The judge used courtroom time efficiently.  | 25 | 27 | 10 | 8  | 12 | 1  | 3.55 |
| The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.                             | 28 | 26 | 17 | 5  | 5  | 3  | 3.83 |
| The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.  | 28 | 28 | 11 | 8  | 4  | 5  | 3.86 |
| The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.   | 29 | 29 | 8  | 5  | 5  | 7  | 3.95 |
| The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.  | 24 | 23 | 15 | 8  | 7  | 7  | 3.64 |
| The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.  | 21 | 29 | 8  | 10 | 5  | 7  | 3.70 |
| The judge issued an order that was clearly written.   | 25 | 23 | 16 | 2  | 5  | 10 | 3.86 |
| The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom. | 33 | 32 | 7  | 5  | 5  | 1  | 4.01 |