

Missouri Bar
2016 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: David C. Mason
22nd 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	76 %
6 - 10 cases	6 %
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	85 %
6 - 10 cases	6 %
More than 10 cases	9 %

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	15 %
About equally in favor of and against your party	39 %
Primarily against your party	30 %
N/A	15 %

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.	7	7	6	6	7	0	3.03
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	7	4	2	12	7	1	2.75
The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.	7	7	5	7	6	0	3.06
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	6	9	6	3	8	1	3.06
The judge was prepared for court.	6	5	7	5	8	1	2.87
The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.	6	5	12	4	4	1	3.16
Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision.	6	6	13	3	2	2	3.37

The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	8	5	10	5	3	1	3.32
The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.	7	3	5	8	8	1	2.77
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	5	6	6	3	12	1	2.66
The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.	6	11	8	2	4	1	3.42
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	6	6	6	3	10	1	2.84
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	7	6	10	5	2	0	3.37
The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.	7	5	5	9	5	1	3.00
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.	8	4	7	8	4	1	3.13
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	6	5	5	6	8	2	2.83
The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.	8	2	7	6	7	1	2.93
The judge issued an order that was clearly written.	6	6	13	3	4	1	3.22
The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom.	8	7	5	6	5	1	3.23