

Missouri Bar
2016 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Jennifer M. Phillips
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	92 %
6 - 10 cases	8 %
More than 10 cases	0 %

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

0 - 5 cases	96 %
6 - 10 cases	4 %
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	16 %
About equally in favor of and against your party	56 %
Primarily against your party	8 %
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.	12	10	0	1	2	0	4.16
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	11	9	0	3	2	0	3.96
The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.	13	9	1	0	2	0	4.24
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	13	10	0	0	2	0	4.28
The judge was prepared for court.	12	10	1	0	2	0	4.20
The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.	10	11	1	0	3	0	4.00
Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision.	12	10	0	0	2	1	4.25

The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	12	8	2	1	2	0	4.08
The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.	14	9	0	0	2	0	4.32
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	14	8	1	0	2	0	4.28
The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.	12	11	0	0	2	0	4.24
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	13	10	0	0	2	0	4.28
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	11	8	3	1	2	0	4.00
The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.	12	10	0	1	2	0	4.16
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.	13	9	0	1	2	0	4.20
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	9	12	1	1	2	0	4.00
The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.	9	10	0	2	3	0	3.83
The judge issued an order that was clearly written.	10	9	1	0	2	3	4.14
The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom.	14	8	1	0	2	0	4.28