

Missouri Bar
2016 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Abe Quint Shafer
6th 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	57 %
6 - 10 cases	22 %
More than 10 cases	22 %

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	8 %
More than 10 cases	8 %

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	30 %
About equally in favor of and against your party	41 %
Primarily against your party	5 %
N/A	24 %

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.	19	8	2	3	1	1	4.27
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	17	11	1	2	2	1	4.18
The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.	16	10	3	1	1	1	4.26
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	21	10	1	1	0	1	4.55
The judge was prepared for court.	18	13	1	1	0	1	4.45
The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.	12	9	5	4	0	3	3.97
Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision.	15	11	4	1	0	3	4.29

The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	12	14	3	3	0	2	4.09
The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.	17	12	2	1	0	1	4.41
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	14	16	1	2	0	1	4.27
The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.	15	14	2	2	0	1	4.27
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	15	14	3	1	0	1	4.30
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	16	13	2	2	0	1	4.30
The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.	15	12	2	3	1	1	4.12
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.	16	6	4	4	0	2	4.13
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	13	6	10	1	1	2	3.94
The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.	11	11	2	5	0	3	3.97
The judge issued an order that was clearly written.	12	12	3	3	0	2	4.10
The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom.	21	10	2	0	0	1	4.58