

**Missouri Bar Association**  
**2016 Appellate Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey**  
**Judge: Richard B. Teitelman**  
**Supreme Court of Missouri**

**Professional Interaction:**

1) Percent of following statements that applied

Use appellate opinions in practice:	94 %
Have appeared before this judge in oral arguments:	5 %
This judge has written an opinion in one of my cases:	1 %

2) In the most recent case in which you appeared before this judge, did you represent the winning party or the losing party?

Winning party	17 %
Losing party	14 %
Mixed outcome	9 %
Case not yet decided	3 %
N/A	57 %

**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>
<b>Legal Ability</b>							
Writes opinions that adequately explain the basis of the court's decision.	221	229	45	36	22	21	4.07
Writes opinions that follow an applicable standard of review for the case.	213	215	46	44	28	23	3.99
Writes opinions that clearly set forth any rules of law to be used in future cases.	198	225	58	38	27	22	3.97
Writes opinions that decide only those issues that need to be decided in the cases before the court.	169	207	67	63	35	25	3.76
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>							
Writes opinions that address the issues raised by both parties fairly.	202	186	62	52	33	23	3.88
<b>Temperament/Demeanor</b>							
Writes separate opinions that are appropriate in tone and substance.	246	168	79	24	18	30	4.12

**Communication Skills**

Writes opinions that are clear.	219	228	49	39	13	22	4.10
Writes opinions that are concise.	186	221	88	29	15	22	3.99
Writes opinions that adequately summarize the relevant facts in the case.	184	237	63	32	17	21	4.01
Writes opinions in which the legal reasoning is easy to follow.	196	202	63	52	29	18	3.89

***If the attorney has appeared before the judge in oral argument:*****Impartiality/Fairness**

Is attentive to the arguments of all parties during oral argument.	179	94	39	13	16	140	4.19
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**Temperament/Demeanor**

Is punctual for proceedings.	172	123	44	4	8	140	4.27
Is attentive to the differing opinions of colleagues during oral argument.	161	112	54	15	9	132	4.14

***If the judge has written an opinion for the court in one of the attorney's casers:*****Legal Ability**

Writes opinions that accurately reflect the evidence in the record.	131	108	47	28	26	128	3.85
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