

**Missouri Bar**  
**2016 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey**  
**Judge: Carolyn C. Whittington**  
**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.

0 - 5 cases	71 %
6 - 10 cases	16 %
More than 10 cases	13 %

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

0 - 5 cases	90 %
6 - 10 cases	5 %
More than 10 cases	5 %

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	20 %
About equally in favor of and against your party	50 %
Primarily against your party	7 %
N/A	23 %

**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.	74	32	0	6	3	1	4.47
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	73	31	4	3	3	2	4.47
The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.	73	30	1	5	3	2	4.47
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	78	31	0	1	2	3	4.63
The judge was prepared for court.	70	33	4	1	4	2	4.46
The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.	61	28	9	5	3	8	4.31
Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision.	54	33	8	6	3	7	4.24

The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	65	37	4	2	3	4	4.43
The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.	69	37	2	1	3	3	4.50
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	61	39	6	3	2	4	4.39
The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.	61	42	3	3	2	5	4.41
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	57	40	6	2	2	5	4.38
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	63	36	7	1	2	4	4.44
The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.	65	37	4	2	3	3	4.43
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.	63	32	4	3	3	8	4.42
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	59	34	6	4	6	5	4.25
The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.	58	33	7	4	3	6	4.32
The judge issued an order that was clearly written.	59	37	4	4	3	9	4.36
The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom.	77	29	1	1	2	1	4.62