

Missouri Bar  
 2018 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey  
 Judge: Thomas E. Mountjoy  
 31st Judicial Circuit

**Professional Interaction:**

1) Estimated number of evaluator's cases the judge has presided over during the judge's current term of office.	2) Estimated number of evaluator's cases that went to trial and decision during the judge's current term of office.	3) Of cases before the judge that went to trial and decision during the judge's current term of office, the rulings were:
0 - 5 cases 51 %	0 - 5 cases 84 %	Primarily in your party's favor 22 %
6 - 10 cases 6 %	6 - 10 cases 10 %	About equally in favor of and against your party 43 %
More than 10 cases 43 %	More than 10 cases 6 %	Primarily against your party 8 %
		N/A 27 %

**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.	29	15	3	1	0	1	4.52
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	27	17	3	2	0	0	4.41
The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.	28	15	4	1	0	0	4.46
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	34	12	0	2	0	0	4.63
The judge was prepared for court.	25	18	3	2	0	0	4.38
The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.	22	15	7	2	0	3	4.24
The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.	26	19	3	1	0	0	4.43

The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.	26	17	4	1	0	1	4.42
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	16	20	6	3	0	4	4.09
The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.	23	18	4	1	0	0	4.37
The judge issued an order that was clearly written.	19	13	7	1	0	6	4.25
The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom.	36	11	1	0	0	0	4.73
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	20	19	5	1	0	3	4.29
The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.	27	18	1	0	0	1	4.57
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	19	23	4	1	1	0	4.21
The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.	21	25	0	0	1	0	4.38
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	24	20	2	0	1	0	4.40
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	19	23	5	0	0	0	4.30
Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision.	15	15	5	8	1	4	3.80