

**Missouri Bar  
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey  
Judge: Cory L. Atkins  
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.

1 - 5 cases 74 %  
6 - 10 cases 18 %  
More than 10 cases 8 %

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

1 - 5 cases 79 %  
6 - 10 cases 13 %  
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 35 %  
About equally in favor of and against your party 47 %  
Primarily against your party 5 %  
N/A 13 %

**Survey Questions/Results:**

	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
The judge was prepared for court.	1	2	2	9	71	0	4.73
The judge treated the parties equally.	2	2	4	7	69	1	4.65
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	2	1	2	15	64	1	4.64
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	1	1	1	2	79	0	4.87
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	1	1	3	16	61	3	4.65
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	1	0	8	22	52	2	4.49
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	2	2	1	12	67	1	4.67

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The judge allowed appropriate time for each proceeding.	2	0	1	13	68	1	4.73
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	2	0	1	6	74	0	4.81
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	2	0	3	8	70	0	4.73
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	2	2	3	13	62	1	4.60
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	3	1	4	10	52	15	4.53
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	4	2	2	18	40	18	4.33
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	2	2	4	11	58	7	4.57
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	2	3	5	11	52	12	4.48
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	4	4	6	13	36	22	4.16
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	2	3	3	13	49	13	4.49
The judge issued clear written orders.	1	2	5	14	56	6	4.56
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	2	2	4	15	54	7	4.52