

**Missouri Bar  
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey  
Judge: Lorne J. Baker  
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.

1 - 5 cases 78 %  
6 - 10 cases 8 %  
More than 10 cases 14 %

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

1 - 5 cases 80 %  
6 - 10 cases 9 %  
More than 10 cases 11 %

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 57 %  
Primarily against your party 6 %  
N/A 6 %

**Survey Questions/Results:**

	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
The judge was prepared for court.	0	2	1	9	65	1	4.78
The judge treated the parties equally.	1	0	3	3	72	0	4.84
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	0	2	2	8	66	1	4.77
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	0	1	2	2	74	0	4.89
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	0	2	1	4	72	0	4.85
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	0	2	2	8	66	0	4.77
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	1	1	2	4	71	0	4.81

**Survey Questions/Results:**

	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
The judge allowed appropriate time for each proceeding.	0	1	1	8	68	1	4.83
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	0	0	3	4	71	0	4.87
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	0	0	3	3	71	0	4.88
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	0	2	2	7	67	1	4.78
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	0	2	2	7	64	2	4.77
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	0	3	3	8	58	7	4.68
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	1	2	2	5	67	2	4.75
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	1	1	4	7	63	2	4.71
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	2	0	4	8	55	9	4.65
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	2	1	1	6	67	2	4.75
The judge issued clear written orders.	0	2	1	8	66	2	4.79
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	0	1	2	5	69	1	4.84