

Missouri Bar
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: James R. Carrier
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.

1 - 5 cases 0 %
6 - 10 cases 0 %
More than 10 cases 0 %

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

1 - 5 cases 0 %
6 - 10 cases 0 %
More than 10 cases 0 %

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 0 %
About equally in favor of and against your party 0 %
Primarily against your party 0 %
N/A 0 %

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	0	2	9	67	1	4.83
The judge treated the parties equally.	0	3	6	7	62	0	4.64
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	3	3	4	13	56	0	4.47
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	0	1	2	6	70	0	4.84
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	0	0	3	11	65	0	4.78
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	0	1	3	15	60	0	4.70
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	0	4	7	9	59	0	4.56

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	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
The judge allowed appropriate time for each proceeding.	1	1	8	10	58	0	4.58
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	0	1	1	6	71	0	4.86
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	0	0	3	8	67	0	4.82
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	0	2	7	11	59	0	4.61
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	0	1	6	17	54	1	4.59
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	0	1	9	17	48	4	4.49
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	0	2	4	15	58	0	4.63
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	0	4	4	21	50	0	4.48
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	0	4	11	21	42	0	4.29
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	0	3	14	18	43	0	4.29
The judge issued clear written orders.	0	2	4	20	52	1	4.56
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	1	0	2	20	56	0	4.65