

**Missouri Bar  
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey  
Judge: Dennis C. Eckold  
6th 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 30 %  
6 - 10 cases 18 %  
More than 10 cases 52 %

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

1 - 5 cases 34 %  
6 - 10 cases 12 %  
More than 10 cases 54 %

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 51 %  
Primarily against your party 6 %  
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	1	1	13	50	0	4.67
The judge treated the parties equally.	0	0	3	9	52	0	4.77
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	2	1	8	11	44	0	4.42
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	0	0	0	8	57	0	4.88
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	0	0	2	14	49	1	4.72
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	0	4	3	24	33	0	4.34
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	1	0	2	10	52	0	4.72

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	<b>Never (1)</b>	<b>Rarely (2)</b>	<b>Sometimes (3)</b>	<b>Frequently (4)</b>	<b>Every Time (5)</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Average Rating</b>
The judge allowed appropriate time for each proceeding.	0	1	2	15	47	0	4.66
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	0	0	0	6	59	0	4.91
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	0	0	1	11	54	0	4.80
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	0	1	3	11	51	0	4.70
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	0	0	3	17	43	3	4.63
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	0	3	7	19	25	10	4.22
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	0	0	5	13	41	4	4.61
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	1	0	5	18	35	5	4.46
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	0	3	7	22	24	10	4.20
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	0	0	10	17	35	2	4.40
The judge issued clear written orders.	1	2	4	11	45	2	4.54
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	0	1	2	13	47	2	4.68