

**Missouri Bar
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Robert M. Heggie
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 63 %
6 - 10 cases 10 %
More than 10 cases 28 %

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

1 - 5 cases 67 %
6 - 10 cases 13 %
More than 10 cases 19 %

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 26 %
About equally in favor of and against your party 54 %
Primarily against your party 10 %
N/A 10 %

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	6	9	18	48	1	4.33
The judge treated the parties equally.	3	10	10	10	47	2	4.10
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	1	8	8	18	45	2	4.22
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	3	6	5	11	56	0	4.37
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	4	2	8	13	51	3	4.35
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	1	4	12	19	44	1	4.26
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	3	9	11	8	50	0	4.15

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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.	2	3	11	16	46	2	4.29
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	2	7	4	14	55	0	4.38
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	2	8	6	12	51	1	4.29
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	3	6	6	14	52	1	4.31
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	3	9	5	11	47	6	4.20
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	4	8	9	13	38	8	4.01
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	6	7	8	14	39	4	3.99
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	5	3	12	15	41	4	4.11
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	4	7	11	14	36	9	3.99
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	6	5	11	14	43	3	4.05
The judge issued clear written orders.	1	9	8	14	43	5	4.19
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	3	6	6	17	45	4	4.23