

**Missouri Bar  
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey  
Judge: Craig K. Higgins  
22nd 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 35 %  
6 - 10 cases 13 %  
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 42 %  
6 - 10 cases 6 %  
More than 10 cases 52 %

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 23 %  
About equally in favor of and against your party 47 %  
Primarily against your party 27 %  
N/A 3 %

**Survey Questions/Results:**

	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
The judge was prepared for court.	2	0	6	9	13	0	4.03
The judge treated the parties equally.	1	1	5	7	17	0	4.23
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	2	1	5	10	12	0	3.97
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	0	1	1	6	23	0	4.65
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	1	0	7	6	17	0	4.23
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	0	0	5	14	11	1	4.20
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	1	3	3	5	18	0	4.20

**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	2	11	16	0	4.40
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	0	0	0	9	21	1	4.70
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	1	2	4	5	19	0	4.26
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	1	1	11	4	14	0	3.94
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	1	4	6	6	13	1	3.87
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	2	3	5	7	11	2	3.79
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	1	5	5	4	15	1	3.90
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	2	3	6	5	13	1	3.83
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	2	4	9	3	12	1	3.63
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	1	7	5	3	14	1	3.73
The judge issued clear written orders.	2	1	8	7	12	1	3.87
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	1	2	3	9	15	1	4.17