

**Missouri Bar
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: David C. Jones
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 30 %
6 - 10 cases 22 %
More than 10 cases 49 %

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 17 %
More than 10 cases 42 %

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 24 %
About equally in favor of and against your party 59 %
Primarily against your party 5 %
N/A 11 %

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	1	6	12	18	0	4.27
The judge treated the parties equally.	0	1	6	8	22	0	4.38
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	0	4	6	15	12	0	3.95
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	0	0	0	10	27	0	4.73
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	1	0	4	6	25	1	4.50
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	1	5	10	12	9	0	3.62
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	0	1	8	6	22	0	4.32

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.	1	1	5	11	19	0	4.24
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	0	1	5	10	21	0	4.38
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	0	0	7	8	21	1	4.39
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	0	1	5	10	21	0	4.38
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	0	1	8	10	17	1	4.19
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	1	4	4	9	16	2	4.03
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	1	1	7	9	19	0	4.19
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	2	2	5	10	17	1	4.06
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	2	4	6	7	15	3	3.85
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	2	2	5	11	16	1	4.03
The judge issued clear written orders.	1	1	5	12	16	2	4.17
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	0	1	7	10	19	0	4.27