

**Missouri Bar
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Jeffrey C. Keal
16th 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 50 %
6 - 10 cases 25 %
More than 10 cases 25 %

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

1 - 5 cases 52 %
6 - 10 cases 27 %
More than 10 cases 21 %

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 12 %
About equally in favor of and against your party 79 %
Primarily against your party 5 %
N/A 5 %

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	1	14	52	0	4.72
The judge treated the parties equally.	0	2	2	6	57	0	4.76
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	0	2	3	10	53	0	4.68
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	0	0	2	5	59	0	4.86
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	0	1	0	11	54	2	4.79
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	0	2	3	13	49	1	4.63
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	0	1	2	8	56	0	4.78

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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.	0	1	3	8	55	1	4.75
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	0	0	1	9	56	0	4.83
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	0	1	1	8	58	0	4.81
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	0	1	4	7	56	0	4.74
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	0	1	3	7	57	0	4.76
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	0	1	4	7	46	9	4.69
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	0	0	4	7	56	1	4.78
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	0	1	4	8	49	5	4.69
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	0	2	7	9	44	5	4.53
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	0	2	4	5	55	1	4.71
The judge issued clear written orders.	1	0	3	8	53	2	4.72
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	0	1	4	8	52	0	4.71