

**Missouri Bar Association
2020 Appellate Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Gary W. Lynch
Missouri Court of Appeals - Southern District**

Professional Interaction:

1) Please estimate the number of your appeals or appellate proceedings that the Judge has heard during the Judge's current term of office:

1 - 5	94 %
6 - 10	3 %
More than 10	3 %

2) Of your case proceedings before the Judge during the Judge's current term of office, the rulings were:

Primarily in your party's favor	36 %
About equally in favor of and against your party	39 %
Primarily against your party	22 %
N/A	3 %

Survey Questions/Results:	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
Legal Ability							
Writes opinions that adequately explain the basis of the court's decision.	0	2	5	22	35	4	4.41
Writes opinions that follow an applicable standard of review for the case.	0	4	5	17	39	3	4.40
Writes opinions that clearly set forth any rules of law to be used in future cases.	0	3	8	19	33	5	4.30
Writes opinions that decide only those issues that need to be decided in the case before the court.	0	4	5	19	37	3	4.37
Impartiality/Fairness							
Writes opinions that address the issues raised by both parties fairly.	0	3	5	22	35	3	4.37
Writes separate opinions that are appropriate in tone and substance.	0	2	5	16	24	19	4.32

Survey Questions/Results:	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
Communication Skills							
Writes separate opinions that are clear.	0	4	6	15	25	17	4.22
Writes opinions that are concise.	0	4	5	23	33	3	4.31
Writes opinions that adequately summarize the relevant facts in the case.	0	4	5	19	37	2	4.37
Writes opinions in which the legal reasoning is easy to follow.	0	4	6	24	31	3	4.26
<i>If the attorney has appeared before the judge in oral argument:</i>							
Impartiality/Fairness							
Is attentive to the arguments of all parties during oral argument.	0	4	3	12	45	5	4.53
Temperament/Demeanor							
Is punctual for proceedings.	0	0	1	9	53	5	4.83
Is attentive to the differing opinions of colleagues during oral argument.	0	0	4	10	49	5	4.71
<i>If the judge has written an opinion for the court in one of the</i>							
Legal Ability							
Writes opinions that accurately reflect the evidence in the record.	0	4	5	17	36	5	4.37