

**Missouri Bar  
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey  
Judge: Steven R. Ohmer  
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 75 %  
6 - 10 cases 9 %  
More than 10 cases 16 %

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

1 - 5 cases 72 %  
6 - 10 cases 10 %  
More than 10 cases 17 %

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 22 %  
About equally in favor of and against your party 57 %  
Primarily against your party 18 %  
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	2	8	15	39	1	4.32
The judge treated the parties equally.	1	9	6	11	42	0	4.22
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	2	2	12	14	39	0	4.25
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	1	7	8	7	46	0	4.30
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	1	2	11	13	40	2	4.33
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	4	7	8	17	32	0	3.97
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	1	9	7	11	40	0	4.18

**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	2	9	16	41	0	4.36
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	2	3	9	8	47	0	4.38
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	1	3	9	14	42	0	4.35
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	1	1	10	17	39	0	4.35
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	0	1	8	13	42	2	4.50
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	1	2	9	17	36	3	4.31
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	1	4	9	10	43	1	4.34
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	1	1	9	14	44	0	4.43
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	1	4	8	13	41	2	4.33
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	1	3	14	7	41	1	4.27
The judge issued clear written orders.	1	2	10	15	39	2	4.33
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	1	0	9	17	42	0	4.43