

**Missouri Bar
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Mary Elizabeth Ott
21st 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 77 %
6 - 10 cases 14 %
More than 10 cases 10 %

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

1 - 5 cases 81 %
6 - 10 cases 11 %
More than 10 cases 8 %

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 18 %
About equally in favor of and against your party 69 %
Primarily against your party 7 %
N/A 6 %

Survey Questions/Results:

	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
The judge was prepared for court.	1	3	17	33	109	2	4.51
The judge treated the parties equally.	3	3	11	26	122	0	4.58
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	3	7	17	38	97	2	4.35
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	3	2	6	18	135	2	4.71
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	3	1	5	31	117	8	4.64
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	3	7	20	39	91	2	4.30
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	4	3	11	25	121	0	4.56

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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.	2	2	10	30	116	2	4.60
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	3	1	4	22	131	3	4.72
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	2	3	4	24	130	3	4.70
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	2	4	9	25	123	3	4.61
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	1	6	8	20	108	16	4.59
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	1	4	19	27	98	15	4.46
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	3	6	8	30	113	3	4.53
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	4	5	13	33	105	4	4.44
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	4	6	20	30	91	14	4.31
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	4	8	15	38	94	2	4.32
The judge issued clear written orders.	5	4	19	31	99	4	4.36
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	7	8	16	39	89	3	4.23