

**Missouri Bar  
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey  
Judge: Abe Quint Shafer, V  
6th 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 38 %  
6 - 10 cases 24 %  
More than 10 cases 38 %

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

1 - 5 cases 43 %  
6 - 10 cases 26 %  
More than 10 cases 31 %

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 34 %  
About equally in favor of and against your party 56 %  
Primarily against your party 0 %  
N/A 10 %

**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	0	1	8	33	0	4.76
The judge treated the parties equally.	0	1	2	6	33	0	4.69
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	0	0	2	9	31	0	4.69
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	0	1	2	7	32	0	4.67
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	0	0	1	9	30	0	4.72
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	0	0	2	14	26	0	4.57
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	0	0	3	6	31	0	4.70

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	<b>Never (1)</b>	<b>Rarely (2)</b>	<b>Sometimes (3)</b>	<b>Frequently (4)</b>	<b>Every Time (5)</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Average Rating</b>
The judge allowed appropriate time for each proceeding.	0	0	5	8	27	0	4.55
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	0	0	1	7	33	0	4.78
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	0	1	2	6	33	0	4.69
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	0	0	1	8	32	0	4.76
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	0	1	1	10	29	1	4.63
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	0	1	5	10	24	2	4.42
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	1	0	2	7	31	0	4.63
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	0	0	6	12	23	0	4.41
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	0	0	7	8	26	0	4.46
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	0	0	3	10	29	0	4.62
The judge issued clear written orders.	0	0	4	9	29	0	4.60
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	0	0	3	4	35	0	4.76