

**Missouri Bar
2020 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: John M. Torrence
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 76 %
6 - 10 cases 9 %
More than 10 cases 15 %

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

1 - 5 cases 79 %
6 - 10 cases 7 %
More than 10 cases 14 %

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 17 %
About equally in favor of and against your party 65 %
Primarily against your party 11 %
N/A 7 %

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	6	11	19	69	1	4.41
The judge treated the parties equally.	3	12	6	24	63	0	4.22
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	3	4	12	15	73	0	4.41
The judge addressed individuals (e.g. attorneys, court staff, litigants, witnesses, and the public) respectfully in the courtroom.	4	9	7	15	73	0	4.33
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	4	6	7	21	67	3	4.34
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	3	3	13	29	60	0	4.30
The judge conducted proceedings in an impartial manner.	6	8	9	16	68	0	4.23

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	5	11	16	74	0	4.47
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	6	9	10	13	69	0	4.21
The judge listened carefully during court proceedings.	2	7	11	15	70	1	4.37
The judge adhered to rules of procedure appropriate to each proceeding.	2	4	13	15	72	2	4.42
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to each proceeding.	2	5	13	16	67	4	4.37
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	2	7	15	19	56	8	4.21
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	3	11	10	19	63	2	4.21
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	3	6	12	20	63	3	4.29
The judge 's ruling(s) cited the applicable substantive law.	4	8	11	19	53	9	4.15
The judge 's ruling(s) followed logically from the evidence presented.	3	8	9	19	62	3	4.28
The judge issued clear written orders.	4	6	12	14	62	7	4.27
Considering the amount of applicable law and complexity of the pertinent legal questions, the judge's decisions were rendered promptly.	2	7	12	24	54	4	4.22