

**Missouri Bar  
2022 Appellate Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey  
Judge: Alok Ahuja  
Missouri Court of Appeals - Western 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:	2) Of your case proceedings before the Judge during the Judge's current term of office, the rulings were:
1 - 5	Primarily in your party's favor
86 %	34 %
6 - 10	About equally in favor of and against your party
4 %	32 %
More than 10	Primarily against your party
10 %	27 %
	N/A
	7 %

**Survey Questions/Results:**

	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
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**Legal Ability**

Writes opinions that adequately explain the basis of the court's decision.	2	5	3	15	79	2	4.58
Writes opinions that follow an applicable standard of review for the case.	3	4	9	11	78	2	4.50
Writes opinions that clearly set forth any rules of law to be used in future cases.	2	5	10	15	72	2	4.44
Writes opinions that decide only those issues that need to be decided in the case before the court.	1	6	8	22	62	4	4.39

**Impartiality/Fairness**

Writes opinions that address the issues raised by both parties fairly.	1	5	11	15	72	2	4.46
Writes separate opinions that are appropriate in tone and substance.	0	3	5	15	62	19	4.60

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<b>Communication Skills</b>							
Writes separate opinions that are clear.	2	2	2	18	67	14	4.60
Writes opinions that are concise.	1	4	10	22	65	2	4.43
Writes opinions that adequately summarize the relevant facts in the case.	0	4	8	16	73	2	4.56
Writes opinions in which the legal reasoning is easy to follow.	2	3	11	13	75	2	4.50
<b><i>If the attorney has appeared before the judge in oral argument:</i></b>							
<b>Impartiality/Fairness</b>							
Is attentive to the arguments of all parties during oral argument.	1	1	4	10	79	6	4.74
<b>Temperament/Demeanor</b>							
Is punctual for proceedings.	0	0	2	8	81	10	4.87
Is attentive to the differing opinions of colleagues during oral argument.	1	2	2	11	78	8	4.73
<b><i>If the judge has written an opinion for the court in one of the</i></b>							
<b>Legal Ability</b>							
Writes opinions that accurately reflect the evidence in the record.	2	3	10	13	72	4	4.50