

**Missouri Bar
2022 Appellate Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Zel M Fischer
Supreme Court of Missouri**

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
85 %	31 %
6 - 10	About equally in favor of and against your party
7 %	34 %
More than 10	Primarily against your party
8 %	27 %
	N/A
	9 %

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.

1	6	11	33	74	11	4.38
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Writes opinions that follow an applicable standard of review for the case.

2	6	13	28	78	9	4.37
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Writes opinions that clearly set forth any rules of law to be used in future cases.

0	6	15	35	70	10	4.34
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Writes opinions that decide only those issues that need to be decided in the case before the court.

0	7	21	27	72	8	4.29
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Impartiality/Fairness

Writes opinions that address the issues raised by both parties fairly.

4	12	9	31	69	9	4.19
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Writes separate opinions that are appropriate in tone and substance.

4	6	14	29	61	21	4.20
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Survey Questions/Results:	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
Communication Skills							
Writes separate opinions that are clear.	1	7	9	26	71	22	4.39
Writes opinions that are concise.	2	6	14	34	67	13	4.28
Writes opinions that adequately summarize the relevant facts in the case.	4	5	12	33	70	11	4.29
Writes opinions in which the legal reasoning is easy to follow.	2	11	11	32	70	10	4.25
<i>If the attorney has appeared before the judge in oral argument:</i>							
Impartiality/Fairness							
Is attentive to the arguments of all parties during oral argument.	3	5	9	16	91	9	4.51
Temperament/Demeanor							
Is punctual for proceedings.	0	0	3	13	106	11	4.84
Is attentive to the differing opinions of colleagues during oral argument.	2	1	12	24	85	8	4.52
<i>If the judge has written an opinion for the court in one of the</i>							
Legal Ability							
Writes opinions that accurately reflect the evidence in the record.	2	8	13	30	63	15	4.24