

**Missouri Bar
2022 Appellate Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Michael E Gardner
Missouri Court of Appeals - Eastern 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
100%	18 %
6 - 10	About equally in favor of and against your party
0 %	9 %
More than 10	Primarily against your party
0 %	45 %
	N/A
	27 %

Survey Questions/Results:

	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
Legal Ability							
Writes opinions that adequately explain the basis of the court's decision.	1	2	0	5	3	0	3.64
Writes opinions that follow an applicable standard of review for the case.	1	2	0	4	4	0	3.73
Writes opinions that clearly set forth any rules of law to be used in future cases.	1	2	1	4	3	0	3.55
Writes opinions that decide only those issues that need to be decided in the case before the court.	1	2	0	4	4	0	3.73

Impartiality/Fairness

Writes opinions that address the issues raised by both parties fairly.	2	1	0	5	3	0	3.55
Writes separate opinions that are appropriate in tone and substance.	1	1	1	1	1	5	3.00

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Communication Skills							
Writes separate opinions that are clear.	2	1	0	2	1	5	2.83
Writes opinions that are concise.	2	1	2	2	3	1	3.30
Writes opinions that adequately summarize the relevant facts in the case.	1	2	0	5	2	1	3.50
Writes opinions in which the legal reasoning is easy to follow.	2	1	0	3	4	1	3.60
<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.	1	2	1	1	5	0	3.70
Temperament/Demeanor							
Is punctual for proceedings.	1	0	1	1	7	0	4.30
Is attentive to the differing opinions of colleagues during oral argument.	1	1	0	2	4	1	3.88
<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.	1	2	0	3	3	1	3.56