

**Missouri Bar
2022 Appellate Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Karen King Mitchell
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
82 %	43 %
6 - 10	About equally in favor of and against your party
5 %	20 %
More than 10	Primarily against your party
13 %	28 %
	N/A
	8 %

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.	2	1	4	12	38	2	4.46
Writes opinions that follow an applicable standard of review for the case.	1	2	3	14	38	2	4.48
Writes opinions that clearly set forth any rules of law to be used in future cases.	1	3	5	14	35	2	4.36
Writes opinions that decide only those issues that need to be decided in the case before the court.	1	2	3	16	36	2	4.45

Impartiality/Fairness

Writes opinions that address the issues raised by both parties fairly.	2	2	5	14	34	3	4.33
Writes separate opinions that are appropriate in tone and substance.	1	3	4	12	30	10	4.34

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	1	1	14	30	13	4.51
Writes opinions that are concise.	1	2	2	16	36	3	4.47
Writes opinions that adequately summarize the relevant facts in the case.	1	3	2	15	36	3	4.44
Writes opinions in which the legal reasoning is easy to follow.	2	2	2	15	36	3	4.42
<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	0	6	8	42	3	4.58
Temperament/Demeanor							
Is punctual for proceedings.	0	0	0	6	48	5	4.89
Is attentive to the differing opinions of colleagues during oral argument.	1	0	4	8	39	5	4.62
<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	2	5	13	33	3	4.33