

**Missouri Bar
2022 Appellate Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: W Douglas Thomson
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
87 %	42 %
6 - 10	About equally in favor of and against your party
10 %	23 %
More than 10	Primarily against your party
3 %	26 %
	N/A
	10 %

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.

0	0	4	9	15	3	4.39
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Writes opinions that follow an applicable standard of review for the case.

0	0	4	10	14	3	4.36
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Writes opinions that clearly set forth any rules of law to be used in future cases.

0	0	4	9	15	3	4.39
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Writes opinions that decide only those issues that need to be decided in the case before the court.

0	0	3	11	14	3	4.39
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Impartiality/Fairness

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

0	1	3	10	13	3	4.30
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Writes separate opinions that are appropriate in tone and substance.

0	1	2	11	12	4	4.31
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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.	0	0	2	8	15	6	4.52
Writes opinions that are concise.	0	0	3	9	16	3	4.46
Writes opinions that adequately summarize the relevant facts in the case.	0	0	5	9	14	3	4.32
Writes opinions in which the legal reasoning is easy to follow.	0	0	4	7	16	3	4.44
<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.	0	0	1	7	18	5	4.65
Temperament/Demeanor							
Is punctual for proceedings.	0	0	0	4	24	3	4.86
Is attentive to the differing opinions of colleagues during oral argument.	0	0	1	4	21	5	4.77
<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.	0	0	4	8	16	3	4.43