

**The Missouri Bar  
2010 Trial Court Evaluation Survey**

**Judge: Hon. Charles E. Atwell  
16th Judicial Circuit**

<u>Questions:</u>	<u>Number of Responses:</u>						<u>Average Rating</u>
	<u>Blank</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	
Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	2	4	10	2	28	264	4.75
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	8	10	8	34	248	4.64
Is not affected by partisan considerations	4	8	10	14	40	234	4.58
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	2	12	14	40	238	4.63
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	2	2	10	2	40	254	4.73
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	4	8	10	16	40	232	4.56
Gives reasons for rulings	2	2	8	8	46	244	4.69
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	2	8	12	6	40	242	4.61
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	4	2	10	8	46	240	4.67
Is competent in the law	0	6	8	6	42	248	4.67
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	10	2	8	20	48	222	4.60
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	14	0	10	14	48	224	4.64
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	4	8	6	8	34	250	4.67
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	6	6	8	20	38	232	4.59
Written opinions and orders are clear	12	4	6	22	44	222	4.59

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	10	4	8	16	38	234	4.63
Efficiently manages his/her docket	6	8	6	24	48	218	4.52
Issues timely opinions/decisions	10	2	8	20	56	214	4.57