

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

**Judge: Hon. Patrick Clifford  
21st Judicial Circuit**

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	2	64	38	46	60	102	3.32
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	0	72	38	50	72	80	3.16
Is not affected by partisan considerations	8	60	40	54	62	88	3.26
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	54	52	68	58	76	3.16
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	4	68	38	62	64	76	3.14
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	0	66	40	52	70	84	3.21
Gives reasons for rulings	8	64	38	70	58	74	3.13
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	0	98	46	44	60	64	2.83
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	8	52	20	58	70	104	3.51
Is competent in the law	4	64	40	50	74	80	3.21
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	18	74	40	56	54	70	3.02
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	24	54	42	58	50	84	3.24
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	16	48	30	56	64	98	3.45
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	10	74	44	54	54	76	3.05
Written opinions and orders are clear	14	62	30	66	60	80	3.22

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	12	64	46	56	44	90	3.17
Efficiently manages his/her docket	18	54	36	60	64	80	3.27
Issues timely opinions/decisions	16	44	28	72	58	94	3.44