

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

**Judge: Hon. J. Dan Conklin
31st Judicial Circuit**

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	4	6	10	14	46	160	4.46
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	4	8	6	32	50	140	4.31
Is not affected by partisan considerations	4	2	22	36	42	134	4.20
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	6	12	38	66	114	4.14
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	4	0	8	18	52	158	4.53
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	6	4	12	26	70	122	4.26
Gives reasons for rulings	4	6	20	20	70	120	4.18
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	2	6	16	32	78	106	4.10
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	2	2	18	14	72	132	4.32
Is competent in the law	4	2	14	24	52	144	4.36
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	14	12	14	24	70	106	4.08
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	16	4	16	28	60	116	4.20
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	8	2	8	16	58	148	4.47
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	10	8	16	18	56	132	4.25
Written opinions and orders are clear	16	8	8	32	74	102	4.13

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	12	12	16	24	72	104	4.05
Efficiently manages his/her docket	8	10	10	28	58	126	4.21
Issues timely opinions/decisions	12	8	14	44	56	106	4.04