

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

**Judge: Hon. Edith L. Messina
16th Judicial Circuit**

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	<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	6	20	26	152	4.52
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	6	16	22	18	146	4.36
Is not affected by partisan considerations	2	2	16	20	30	140	4.39
Is prepared for hearings and trials	2	0	24	16	42	126	4.30
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	6	2	16	16	28	142	4.43
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	6	8	22	14	22	138	4.27
Gives reasons for rulings	10	2	22	10	38	128	4.34
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	4	4	6	10	42	144	4.53
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	4	4	4	6	44	148	4.59
Is competent in the law	4	16	12	14	34	130	4.21
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	12	10	12	22	32	122	4.23
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	16	6	12	28	30	118	4.25
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	4	12	4	22	40	128	4.30
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	8	8	18	16	30	130	4.27
Written opinions and orders are clear	10	0	14	26	40	120	4.33

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	12	6	16	18	34	124	4.28
Efficiently manages his/her docket	8	6	16	16	36	128	4.31
Issues timely opinions/decisions	12	4	12	26	42	114	4.26