

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

**Judge: Hon. Sandra C. Midkiff
16th Judicial Circuit**

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	6	16	10	20	46	202	4.39
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	20	20	20	60	178	4.19
Is not affected by partisan considerations	6	26	14	30	54	170	4.12
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	10	10	38	74	164	4.26
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	10	8	8	16	72	186	4.45
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	2	20	8	42	56	172	4.18
Gives reasons for rulings	14	10	8	36	62	170	4.31
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	6	16	20	26	50	182	4.23
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	8	12	8	28	52	192	4.38
Is competent in the law	4	20	8	28	68	172	4.23
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	14	14	4	42	58	168	4.27
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	16	12	6	36	64	166	4.29
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	10	10	10	26	68	176	4.34
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	12	20	12	32	52	172	4.19
Written opinions and orders are clear	16	6	10	46	58	164	4.28

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	14	6	10	42	64	164	4.29
Efficiently manages his/her docket	14	12	12	42	50	170	4.24
Issues timely opinions/decisions	12	10	12	46	62	158	4.20