

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

**Judge: Hon. Mary Elizabeth Ott
21st Judicial Circuit**

| <u>Questions:</u> | <u>Number of Responses:</u> | | | | | | <u>Average Rating</u> |
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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 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 38 | 156 | 4.54 |
| Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case | 0 | 10 | 6 | 12 | 42 | 146 | 4.43 |
| Is not affected by partisan considerations | 6 | 10 | 2 | 20 | 32 | 146 | 4.44 |
| Is prepared for hearings and trials | 8 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 46 | 140 | 4.50 |
| Allows parties latitude to present their arguments | 6 | 6 | 2 | 16 | 44 | 142 | 4.50 |
| Bases decisions on evidence and arguments | 8 | 8 | 4 | 20 | 44 | 132 | 4.38 |
| Gives reasons for rulings | 6 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 54 | 130 | 4.44 |
| Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench | 2 | 6 | 4 | 20 | 34 | 150 | 4.49 |
| Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom | 4 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 50 | 138 | 4.46 |
| Is competent in the law | 4 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 52 | 138 | 4.45 |
| Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law | 14 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 62 | 116 | 4.38 |
| Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues | 20 | 6 | 8 | 18 | 58 | 106 | 4.28 |
| Understands rules of procedure and evidence | 4 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 50 | 140 | 4.48 |
| Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision | 10 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 38 | 142 | 4.45 |
| Written opinions and orders are clear | 22 | 6 | 2 | 18 | 44 | 124 | 4.43 |

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| Clearly explains all oral decisions | 12 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 64 | 118 | 4.39 |
| Efficiently manages his/her docket | 8 | 6 | 10 | 18 | 50 | 124 | 4.33 |
| Issues timely opinions/decisions | 14 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 48 | 126 | 4.40 |