

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

**Judge: Hon. Lawrence J. Permuter
21st Judicial Circuit**

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	2	10	2	14	30	118	4.40
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	14	0	18	34	108	4.28
Is not affected by partisan considerations	8	10	2	20	32	104	4.30
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	10	8	14	30	110	4.29
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	0	12	6	22	32	104	4.19
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	2	18	6	14	32	104	4.14
Gives reasons for rulings	6	16	4	16	34	100	4.16
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	0	12	2	24	24	114	4.28
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	2	8	4	12	36	114	4.40
Is competent in the law	2	16	8	6	38	106	4.21
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	8	12	14	10	28	104	4.18
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	12	10	8	16	30	100	4.23
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	4	14	10	6	36	106	4.22
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	8	10	10	14	26	108	4.26
Written opinions and orders are clear	18	10	2	18	26	102	4.32

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	8	12	6	14	30	106	4.26
Efficiently manages his/her docket	2	8	6	12	38	110	4.36
Issues timely opinions/decisions	8	10	2	14	28	114	4.39