

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

**Judge: Hon. W. Brent Powell  
16th Judicial Circuit**

<u>Questions:</u>	<u>Number of Responses:</u>						<u>Average Rating</u>
	<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	4	0	0	2	22	152	4.85
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	2	0	6	22	148	4.76
Is not affected by partisan considerations	2	0	0	14	24	140	4.71
Is prepared for hearings and trials	2	0	0	4	28	146	4.80
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	2	2	2	2	24	148	4.76
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	0	2	0	8	24	146	4.73
Gives reasons for rulings	2	0	0	4	30	144	4.79
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	0	0	0	0	26	154	4.86
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	4	0	0	2	20	154	4.86
Is competent in the law	0	2	2	4	32	140	4.70
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	6	2	2	8	30	132	4.66
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	8	0	4	12	22	134	4.66
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	4	0	2	6	30	138	4.73
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	4	2	2	6	18	148	4.75
Written opinions and orders are clear	6	0	0	8	30	136	4.74

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	6	0	0	4	32	138	4.77
Efficiently manages his/her docket	2	0	2	4	30	142	4.75
Issues timely opinions/decisions	10	0	0	8	26	136	4.75