

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

**Judge: Hon. Thomas J. Prebil  
21st 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	0	6	0	10	36	168	4.64
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	10	4	10	40	154	4.49
Is not affected by partisan considerations	10	10	2	10	42	146	4.49
Is prepared for hearings and trials	12	4	2	18	42	142	4.52
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	12	6	0	16	32	154	4.58
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	20	10	4	14	42	130	4.39
Gives reasons for rulings	28	10	4	22	34	122	4.32
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	12	4	0	18	36	150	4.58
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	18	4	2	14	38	144	4.56
Is competent in the law	10	6	8	16	38	142	4.44
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	42	8	8	20	28	114	4.30
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	36	4	4	22	38	116	4.40
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	20	4	6	20	44	126	4.41
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	34	8	4	12	32	130	4.46
Written opinions and orders are clear	58	6	2	16	34	104	4.41

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	34	4	4	14	42	122	4.47
Efficiently manages his/her docket	22	2	2	20	46	128	4.49
Issues timely opinions/decisions	34	2	2	18	34	130	4.55