

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

**Judge: Hon. Margaret L. Sauer
16th Judicial Circuit**

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	0	14	8	10	28	100	4.20
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	0	18	6	24	24	88	3.99
Is not affected by partisan considerations	2	8	10	22	22	96	4.19
Is prepared for hearings and trials	2	8	14	22	22	92	4.11
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	0	14	12	16	40	78	3.98
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	2	16	8	24	28	82	3.96
Gives reasons for rulings	0	14	6	26	36	78	3.99
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	0	20	8	18	32	82	3.92
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	0	10	4	16	32	98	4.28
Is competent in the law	2	18	12	24	26	78	3.85
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	6	18	12	32	24	68	3.73
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	10	10	10	20	40	70	4.00
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	2	18	10	22	32	76	3.87
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	4	14	12	24	26	80	3.94
Written opinions and orders are clear	6	6	8	24	36	80	4.14

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	2	12	12	20	32	82	4.01
Efficiently manages his/her docket	4	8	12	18	26	92	4.17
Issues timely opinions/decisions	8	6	6	32	28	80	4.12