

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

**Judge: Hon. James W. Van Amburg  
6th 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	0	0	0	4	16	76	4.75
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	0	0	2	8	16	70	4.60
Is not affected by partisan considerations	0	0	0	6	16	74	4.71
Is prepared for hearings and trials	0	0	0	8	18	70	4.65
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	0	0	2	0	22	72	4.71
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	2	0	2	6	22	64	4.57
Gives reasons for rulings	0	0	2	12	16	66	4.52
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	0	0	2	4	10	80	4.75
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	0	0	0	2	8	86	4.88
Is competent in the law	0	0	2	8	18	68	4.58
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	0	0	2	16	12	66	4.48
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	4	2	0	14	16	60	4.43
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	2	0	2	8	18	66	4.57
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	2	0	2	10	14	68	4.57
Written opinions and orders are clear	2	0	0	14	20	60	4.49

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	0	0	2	12	22	60	4.46
Efficiently manages his/her docket	0	2	0	6	20	68	4.58
Issues timely opinions/decisions	4	0	0	10	18	64	4.59