

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

**Judge: Hon. Carolyn C. Whittington
21st Judicial Circuit**

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	2	16	10	26	76	414	4.59
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	0	22	18	40	78	386	4.45
Is not affected by partisan considerations	12	18	16	46	90	362	4.43
Is prepared for hearings and trials	14	18	18	32	90	372	4.47
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	6	14	14	32	104	374	4.51
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	12	26	18	44	98	346	4.35
Gives reasons for rulings	14	22	10	58	114	326	4.34
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	2	14	2	38	84	404	4.59
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	12	14	0	26	102	390	4.61
Is competent in the law	6	24	16	42	110	346	4.37
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	26	28	10	54	116	310	4.29
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	26	16	14	58	130	300	4.32
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	16	18	20	40	110	340	4.39
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	12	20	18	50	90	354	4.39
Written opinions and orders are clear	28	16	12	62	100	326	4.37

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	24	18	14	74	112	302	4.28
Efficiently manages his/her docket	18	18	18	46	114	330	4.37
Issues timely opinions/decisions	22	20	10	56	114	322	4.36