

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

**Judge: Hon. J. Dale Youngs  
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                           | 8        | 0        | 6        | 14       | 78       | 4.45                  |
| Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case                                 | 2                           | 8        | 0        | 10       | 18       | 72       | 4.35                  |
| Is not affected by partisan considerations  | 4                           | 8        | 0        | 8        | 22       | 68       | 4.34                  |
| Is prepared for hearings and trials   | 2                           | 4        | 0        | 6        | 20       | 78       | 4.56                  |
| Allows parties latitude to present their arguments  | 0                           | 2        | 6        | 6        | 18       | 78       | 4.49                  |
| Bases decisions on evidence and arguments   | 2                           | 4        | 6        | 12       | 16       | 70       | 4.31                  |
| Gives reasons for rulings   | 4                           | 2        | 6        | 8        | 18       | 72       | 4.43                  |
| Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench  | 2                           | 4        | 2        | 6        | 14       | 82       | 4.56                  |
| Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom                                | 2                           | 4        | 4        | 6        | 12       | 82       | 4.52                  |
| Is competent in the law   | 2                           | 2        | 6        | 8        | 18       | 74       | 4.44                  |
| Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law         | 8                           | 2        | 8        | 12       | 12       | 68       | 4.33                  |
| Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues                             | 8                           | 4        | 2        | 10       | 18       | 68       | 4.41                  |
| Understands rules of procedure and evidence   | 4                           | 2        | 4        | 10       | 18       | 72       | 4.45                  |
| Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision                          | 6                           | 6        | 4        | 8        | 16       | 70       | 4.35                  |
| Written opinions and orders are clear   | 6                           | 2        | 8        | 6        | 24       | 64       | 4.35                  |

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| Clearly explains all oral decisions | 6                           | 2        | 6        | 8        | 16       | 72       | 4.44              |
| Efficiently manages his/her docket  | 6                           | 6        | 4        | 6        | 20       | 68       | 4.35              |
| Issues timely opinions/decisions    | 6                           | 2        | 4        | 10       | 18       | 70       | 4.44              |