

Missouri Bar Association
2012 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey

Judge: Richard C. Bresnahan
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	2	15	13	10	31	157	4.34
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	17	15	17	31	146	4.21
Is not affected by partisan considerations	2	22	14	19	32	139	4.12
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	10	8	22	36	148	4.36
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	2	13	8	20	35	150	4.33
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	4	18	16	16	29	145	4.19
Gives reasons for rulings	2	14	12	24	36	140	4.22
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	4	10	9	16	32	157	4.42
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	3	6	10	15	31	163	4.49
Is competent in the law	2	14	11	25	31	145	4.25
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	6	14	12	24	39	133	4.19
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	8	12	11	28	40	129	4.20
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	3	14	10	18	35	148	4.30
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	4	18	20	12	31	143	4.17
Written opinions and orders are clear	9	13	5	31	39	131	4.23

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	7	14	11	21	40	135	4.23
Efficiently manages his/her docket	5	9	7	24	39	144	4.35
Issues timely opinions/decisions	7	13	5	25	39	139	4.29