

Missouri Bar Association  
2012 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey

Judge: Colleen Dolan  
21st Judicial Circuit

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	5	7	11	14	32	211	4.56
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	3	9	11	16	52	189	4.45
Is not affected by partisan considerations	6	10	11	24	44	185	4.40
Is prepared for hearings and trials	3	9	8	27	56	177	4.39
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	3	11	8	22	51	185	4.41
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	4	11	13	29	52	171	4.30
Gives reasons for rulings	4	9	10	27	53	177	4.37
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	5	7	5	21	37	205	4.56
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	4	5	5	22	35	209	4.59
Is competent in the law	3	8	12	27	49	181	4.38
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	13	8	12	24	52	171	4.37
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	7	10	13	24	58	168	4.32
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	5	6	12	22	57	178	4.41
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	9	8	16	20	54	173	4.36
Written opinions and orders are clear	12	7	11	26	54	170	4.38

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	7	9	9	28	56	171	4.36
Efficiently manages his/her docket	6	8	11	22	62	171	4.38
Issues timely opinions/decisions	9	7	9	28	50	177	4.41