

Missouri Bar Association  
2012 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey

Judge: Jack Richard Grate  
16th Judicial Circuit

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	5	10	6	16	47	133	4.35
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	3	14	17	28	40	115	4.05
Is not affected by partisan considerations	4	13	10	31	38	121	4.15
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	6	16	25	48	118	4.20
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	2	13	14	22	48	118	4.13
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	3	20	12	24	39	119	4.05
Gives reasons for rulings	4	13	13	27	46	114	4.10
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	5	14	18	20	41	119	4.10
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	4	6	8	22	42	135	4.37
Is competent in the law	3	12	13	24	42	123	4.17
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	5	19	14	26	48	105	3.97
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	9	9	13	29	48	109	4.13
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	8	11	10	18	45	125	4.26
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	4	20	12	27	34	120	4.04
Written opinions and orders are clear	10	11	9	35	45	107	4.10

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	4	11	13	34	39	116	4.11
Efficiently manages his/her docket	7	7	10	27	44	122	4.26
Issues timely opinions/decisions	9	5	11	29	46	117	4.25