

Missouri Bar Association  
2012 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey

Judge: James F. Kanatzar  
16th Judicial Circuit

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	5	10	5	8	20	66	4.17
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	11	8	10	23	60	4.01
Is not affected by partisan considerations	4	13	7	14	21	55	3.89
Is prepared for hearings and trials	2	11	11	14	23	53	3.86
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	5	8	9	12	19	61	4.06
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	8	12	11	13	21	49	3.79
Gives reasons for rulings	8	13	6	18	18	51	3.83
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	3	8	7	12	20	64	4.13
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	2	8	4	11	23	66	4.21
Is competent in the law	5	17	9	13	18	52	3.72
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	10	14	9	17	16	48	3.72
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	9	10	9	17	16	53	3.89
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	6	13	9	15	22	49	3.79
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	8	13	8	16	18	51	3.81
Written opinions and orders are clear	8	12	9	16	16	53	3.84

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	11	9	11	17	15	51	3.85
Efficiently manages his/her docket	6	9	7	15	19	58	4.02
Issues timely opinions/decisions	9	11	7	17	15	55	3.91