

Missouri Bar Association
2012 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey

Judge: Vernon E. Scoville, III
16th 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	6	12	7	23	27	103	4.17
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	3	13	18	26	31	87	3.92
Is not affected by partisan considerations	5	19	12	26	33	83	3.86
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	12	12	33	38	79	3.92
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	3	13	9	18	40	95	4.11
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	2	18	19	24	36	79	3.79
Gives reasons for rulings	1	14	13	29	42	79	3.90
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	4	23	20	29	30	72	3.62
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	2	12	10	29	34	91	4.03
Is competent in the law	4	16	14	22	41	81	3.90
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	6	17	14	26	37	78	3.84
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	6	15	11	29	36	81	3.91
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	3	13	11	25	40	86	4.00
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	2	17	20	28	28	83	3.80
Written opinions and orders are clear	7	11	17	38	34	71	3.80

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	5	13	15	36	27	82	3.87
Efficiently manages his/her docket	3	13	14	20	37	91	4.02
Issues timely opinions/decisions	6	17	13	31	29	82	3.85