

Missouri Bar Association  
2012 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey

Judge: Janet Sutton  
7th Judicial Circuit

<u>Questions:</u>	<u>Number of Responses:</u>						<u>Average Rating</u>
	<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	0	1	0	3	8	52	4.72
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	0	1	1	4	10	48	4.61
Is not affected by partisan considerations	0	1	0	3	11	49	4.67
Is prepared for hearings and trials	1	1	1	1	11	49	4.68
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	0	1	0	4	10	49	4.66
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	0	1	1	3	15	44	4.56
Gives reasons for rulings	1	1	2	3	17	40	4.48
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	0	2	1	2	8	51	4.64
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	0	1	1	4	6	52	4.67
Is competent in the law	2	1	2	4	11	44	4.53
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	3	2	0	4	14	41	4.51
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	4	2	1	5	16	36	4.38
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	2	1	2	6	11	42	4.47
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	2	2	0	5	15	40	4.47
Written opinions and orders are clear	3	1	1	4	14	41	4.52

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	1	2	1	5	12	43	4.48
Efficiently manages his/her docket	0	1	0	4	10	49	4.66
Issues timely opinions/decisions	3	1	1	2	12	45	4.62