

Missouri Bar Association
2012 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey

Judge: Edward S. Sweeney
22nd 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	1	6	2	8	22	113	4.55
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	1	9	10	14	21	97	4.24
Is not affected by partisan considerations	1	9	10	11	26	95	4.25
Is prepared for hearings and trials	2	8	12	18	20	92	4.17
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	1	5	6	11	27	102	4.42
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	2	11	8	14	28	89	4.17
Gives reasons for rulings	2	7	5	15	29	94	4.32
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	2	8	6	7	25	104	4.41
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	1	6	2	11	25	107	4.49
Is competent in the law	1	12	7	18	21	93	4.17
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	2	10	8	17	27	88	4.17
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	4	8	14	19	28	79	4.05
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	3	11	8	18	16	96	4.19
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	1	10	12	13	20	96	4.19
Written opinions and orders are clear	4	6	10	14	27	91	4.26

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	2	8	10	13	28	91	4.23
Efficiently manages his/her docket	2	28	8	18	24	72	3.69
Issues timely opinions/decisions	3	29	9	20	26	65	3.60