

Missouri Bar Association
2012 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey

Judge: Robert L. Trout
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	0	3	5	10	22	77	4.41
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	3	2	8	10	18	76	4.39
Is not affected by partisan considerations	1	2	7	14	18	75	4.35
Is prepared for hearings and trials	4	1	2	18	24	68	4.38
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	1	4	5	10	24	73	4.35
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	2	6	6	12	26	65	4.20
Gives reasons for rulings	1	3	10	16	31	56	4.09
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	2	2	3	12	18	80	4.49
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	1	1	1	13	17	84	4.57
Is competent in the law	3	6	3	14	23	68	4.26
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	8	4	10	13	22	60	4.14
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	11	1	9	17	27	52	4.13
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	3	4	6	14	24	66	4.25
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	3	4	7	12	24	67	4.25
Written opinions and orders are clear	8	2	6	20	25	56	4.17

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	4	5	5	21	22	60	4.12
Efficiently manages his/her docket	2	2	4	14	20	75	4.41
Issues timely opinions/decisions	4	3	4	16	24	66	4.29