

Missouri Bar Association  
2012 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey

Judge: Joseph L. Walsh, III  
21st Judicial Circuit

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Treats people equally regardless of race,gender,ethnicity, economic status, or any other factor	2	4	6	7	32	171	4.64
Displays fairness and impartiality toward each side of the case	2	6	8	9	34	163	4.55
Is not affected by partisan considerations	7	6	7	14	41	147	4.47
Is prepared for hearings and trials	9	4	3	26	28	152	4.51
Allows parties latitude to present their arguments	4	3	3	15	34	163	4.61
Bases decisions on evidence and arguments	6	6	9	16	35	150	4.45
Gives reasons for rulings	12	3	5	24	38	140	4.46
Demonstrates appropriate demeanor on bench	7	2	3	11	28	171	4.69
Maintains and requires proper order and decorum in the courtroom	11	3	0	11	31	166	4.69
Is competent in the law	7	7	6	19	43	140	4.41
Rulings on dispositive motions state reasons and consistently apply the substantive law	25	7	6	20	38	126	4.37
Effectively uses pretrial procedure to narrow and define the issues	17	4	3	23	42	133	4.45
Understands rules of procedure and evidence	14	6	5	12	52	133	4.45
Weighs all evidence fairly and impartially before rendering a decision	17	7	7	17	34	140	4.43
Written opinions and orders are clear	27	3	5	25	38	124	4.41

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Clearly explains all oral decisions	18	6	6	19	44	129	4.39
Efficiently manages his/her docket	11	3	2	23	46	137	4.48
Issues timely opinions/decisions	18	3	3	18	44	136	4.50