

Missouri Bar
2016 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Jalilah Otto
16th Judicial Circuit

Professional Interaction:

1) Estimated number of evaluator's cases the judge has presided over during the judge's current term of office.

0 - 5 cases 66 %
 6 - 10 cases 9 %
 More than 10 cases 26 %

2) Estimated number of evaluator's cases that went to trial and decision during the judge's current term of office.

0 - 5 cases 83 %
 6 - 10 cases 6 %
 More than 10 cases 11 %

3) Of cases before the judge that went to trial and decision during the judge's current term of office, the rulings were:

Primarily in your party's favor 37 %
 About equally in favor of and against your party 31 %
 Primarily against your party 3 %
 N/A 29 %

Survey Questions/Results:

	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)	N/A: Not Applicable	Average Rating
The judge treated the parties equally.	13	11	1	4	3	1	3.88
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	13	9	2	4	2	3	3.90
The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.	12	11	3	4	2	1	3.84
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	14	11	4	0	1	1	4.23
The judge was prepared for court.	13	10	2	6	1	1	3.88
The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.	7	8	5	5	3	4	3.39
Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision.	12	10	4	3	1	3	3.97

The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	11	8	5	2	3	3	3.76
The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.	13	11	3	4	1	1	3.97
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	10	13	2	4	1	1	3.90
The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.	11	12	4	2	1	2	4.00
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	10	12	4	2	3	1	3.77
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	11	12	3	4	2	1	3.81
The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.	10	11	4	3	2	2	3.80
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.	9	9	4	5	2	3	3.62
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	7	7	7	4	2	5	3.48
The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.	10	7	5	6	3	2	3.48
The judge issued an order that was clearly written.	9	7	6	4	2	5	3.61
The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom.	17	10	1	2	1	1	4.29