

Missouri Bar
 2018 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
 Judge: Michael D. Burton
 21st Judicial Circuit

Professional Interaction:

1) Estimated number of evaluator's cases the judge has presided over during the judge's current term of office.	2) Estimated number of evaluator's cases that went to trial and decision during the judge's current term of office.	3) Of cases before the judge that went to trial and decision during the judge's current term of office, the rulings were:
0 - 5 cases 72 %	0 - 5 cases 96 %	Primarily in your party's favor 20 %
6 - 10 cases 13 %	6 - 10 cases 1 %	About equally in favor of and against your party 48 %
More than 10 cases 15 %	More than 10 cases 3 %	Primarily against your party 7 %
		N/A 24 %

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.	119	42	8	5	6	4	4.48
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	114	44	5	10	6	5	4.40
The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.	112	47	7	6	6	4	4.42
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	127	41	5	3	2	4	4.62
The judge was prepared for court.	111	47	9	8	3	5	4.43
The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.	80	46	18	11	6	21	4.14
The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.	109	47	8	8	3	7	4.43

The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.	101	35	11	9	5	21	4.35
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	90	44	21	8	2	19	4.28
The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.	96	44	11	11	7	14	4.25
The judge issued an order that was clearly written.	80	51	14	5	3	30	4.31
The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom.	134	37	4	2	3	5	4.65
The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	101	48	12	7	6	9	4.33
The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.	121	37	9	6	3	5	4.52
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	93	55	15	5	7	6	4.27
The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.	95	64	9	3	4	6	4.39
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	95	64	10	2	8	5	4.32
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	102	53	11	2	2	7	4.48
Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision.	95	49	10	4	4	17	4.40