

Missouri Bar
2016 Trial Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Dale W. Hood
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.

0 - 5 cases	72 %
6 - 10 cases	12 %
More than 10 cases	17 %

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

0 - 5 cases	92 %
6 - 10 cases	5 %
More than 10 cases	3 %

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	17 %
About equally in favor of and against your party	44 %
Primarily against your party	11 %
N/A	28 %

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.	23	27	12	29	49	2	2.63
The judge carefully considered arguments from both sides before ruling.	20	23	8	25	60	3	2.40
The judge conducted the proceeding in a neutral manner.	21	18	15	25	60	3	2.39
The judge maintained a professional demeanor in the courtroom.	21	17	17	20	66	1	2.34
The judge was prepared for court.	25	19	33	20	39	4	2.79
The judge's ruling cited the applicable substantive law.	19	12	20	25	52	14	2.38
Considering the amount of case law required to make the decision, the judge was prompt in rendering a decision.	23	31	30	13	31	13	3.02

The judge gave reasons for a ruling when needed.	18	23	19	25	46	8	2.56
The judge listened carefully during the court proceeding.	19	26	19	24	51	2	2.55
The judge started courtroom proceedings on time.	22	47	24	17	24	6	3.19
The judge allowed the appropriate amount of time for each case.	22	33	34	19	29	5	3.00
The judge used courtroom time efficiently.	23	25	38	18	33	5	2.91
The judge made sure all parties (attorneys and their clients) understood the court proceedings.	19	22	31	25	34	8	2.75
The judge adhered to appropriate rules of procedure.	22	24	19	26	49	3	2.60
The judge applied rules of evidence relevant to the case.	21	20	25	17	42	17	2.69
The judge assisted parties in narrowing key issues in dispute.	23	18	19	27	47	7	2.57
The judge's decision followed logically from the evidence presented.	22	17	14	22	57	8	2.43
The judge issued an order that was clearly written.	19	22	31	17	36	15	2.77
The judge addressed individuals (e.g., attorneys, court staff, litigants, public, witnesses) respectfully in the courtroom.	20	16	19	18	65	2	2.33