

**Missouri Bar Association
2020 Appellate Court Evaluation - Lawyer Survey
Judge: Patricia Breckenridge
Supreme Court of Missouri**

Professional Interaction:

1) Please estimate the number of your appeals or appellate proceedings that the Judge has heard during the Judge's current term of office:

1 - 5	83 %
6 - 10	9 %
More than 10	8 %

2) Of your case proceedings before the Judge during the Judge's current term of office, the rulings were:

Primarily in your party's favor	28 %
About equally in favor of and against your party	42 %
Primarily against your party	19 %
N/A	10 %

Survey Questions/Results:	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
Legal Ability							
Writes opinions that adequately explain the basis of the court's decision.	3	5	24	97	135	22	4.35
Writes opinions that follow an applicable standard of review for the case.	2	10	19	81	153	22	4.41
Writes opinions that clearly set forth any rules of law to be used in future cases.	4	8	25	94	131	22	4.30
Writes opinions that decide only those issues that need to be decided in the case before the court.	2	8	27	90	129	25	4.31
Impartiality/Fairness							
Writes opinions that address the issues raised by both parties fairly.	3	9	27	72	149	24	4.37
Writes separate opinions that are appropriate in tone and substance.	5	8	21	60	126	63	4.34

Survey Questions/Results:	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Every Time (5)	N/A	Average Rating
Communication Skills							
Writes separate opinions that are clear.	6	7	18	72	122	57	4.32
Writes opinions that are concise.	4	7	25	90	133	26	4.32
Writes opinions that adequately summarize the relevant facts in the case.	4	6	27	80	146	22	4.36
Writes opinions in which the legal reasoning is easy to follow.	4	9	29	84	134	21	4.29
<i>If the attorney has appeared before the judge in oral argument:</i>							
Impartiality/Fairness							
Is attentive to the arguments of all parties during oral argument.	1	1	14	44	193	27	4.69
Temperament/Demeanor							
Is punctual for proceedings.	0	2	5	31	217	24	4.82
Is attentive to the differing opinions of colleagues during oral argument.	1	3	9	37	202	23	4.73
<i>If the judge has written an opinion for the court in one of the</i>							
Legal Ability							
Writes opinions that accurately reflect the evidence in the record.	2	9	22	67	135	45	4.38