

Oral Argument - Advocates

Overview

	OT11	OT12	OT13	OT14	OT15	OT16	OT17
Number of different advocates	118	120	121	112	117	100	113
Number of total appearances	182	193	185	178	186	158	163

Appearances by Advocates Who...	OT11	OT12	OT13	OT14	OT15	OT16	OT17
...Are from the Office of the Solicitor General	58 (32%)	64 (33%)	61 (33%)	56 (31%)	59 (32%)	48 (30%)	48 (29%)
...Have experience in the Office of the Solicitor General	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	85 (47%)	78 (46%)	84 (71%)	73 (48%)	71 (65%)
...Have argued at least twice during the Term	98 (54%)	104 (54%)	96 (52%)	104 (58%)	109 (59%)	94 (59%)	77 (47%)
...Are “expert” Supreme Court litigators*	<i>Not Available</i>	137 (71%)	131 (71%)	116 (66%)	136 (74%)	115 (74%)	89 (56%)
...Are based in Washington, D.C.**	122 (67%)	125 (65%)	119 (64%)	101 (57%)	122 (66%)	97 (61%)	97 (60%)
...Are female	27 (15%)	33 (17%)	28 (15%)	34 (19%)	32 (18%)	33 (21%)	19 (12%)
...Are female and not from the Office of the Solicitor General***	14 (11%)	17 (13%)	11 (9%)	17 (14%)	13 (10%)	15 (14%)	10 (9%)

Most Popular Advocate Origins

State	Total
Washington, D.C.	97
California	11
Texas	10
New York	7
Virginia	7

Most Popular Supreme Court Clerkships

Clerkship	Appearances	Advocates
Antonin Scalia	23	9
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	9	5
Clarence Thomas	8	4
Stephen Breyer	7	3
Elena Kagan	6	4

Most Popular Law Schools

Law School	Appearances	Advocates
Harvard	35	23
Yale	29	19
Chicago	22	12
Stanford	10	6
Virginia	8	6

* We adopt Richard Lazarus’s definition of an “expert” Supreme Court litigator: one who has argued five or more times before the Supreme Court or works in an office where lawyers have collectively argued more than 10 times. See Richard J. Lazarus, *Advocacy Matters Before and Within the Supreme Court: Transforming the Court by Transforming the Bar*, 97 GEO. L.J. 1487, 1490 n.17 (2008).

** An advocate’s “origin” is simply the state of origin listed for that lawyer on the court’s monthly hearing lists. If attorneys from the Office of the Solicitor General are omitted, lawyers based in Washington, D.C., appeared 49 times during OT17.

*** The percentage figures for this category omit all advocates from the Office of the Solicitor General. As such, they demonstrate the percentage of female advocates from positions other than those within the Office of the Solicitor General as a percentage of all men or women arguing from positions other than those within the Office of the Solicitor General.

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Advocates Who Appeared Two or More Times During OT17

Name*	Appearances		Position	Law School	Supreme Court Clerkship	U.S. Solicitor General Experience
	OT17	All-Time				
Paul D. Clement	6	92	Kirkland & Ellis LLP	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	Yes
Jeffrey B. Wall	5	16	Principal Deputy Solicitor General	Chicago	Clarence Thomas	Yes
Malcolm L. Stewart	4	79	Deputy Solicitor General	Yale	Harry Blackmun	Yes
Noel J. Francisco	4	7	Solicitor General	Chicago	Antonin Scalia	Yes
Edwin S. Kneedler	3	138	Deputy Solicitor General	Virginia	None	Yes
Neal K. Katyal	3	37	Hogan Lovells LLP	Yale	Stephen Breyer	Yes
Jeffrey L. Fisher	3	35	Stanford Supreme Court Clinic	Michigan	John Paul Stevens	No
Kannon K. Shanmugam	3	23	Williams & Connolly LLP	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	Yes
Ann O'Connell	3	19	Assistant to the Solicitor General	George Washington	William Rehnquist	Yes
Eric J. Feigin	3	18	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Stanford	Stephen Breyer	Yes
Brian H. Fletcher	3	11	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Yes
Scott A. Keller	3	11	Solicitor General of Texas	Texas	Anthony Kennedy	No
Rachel P. Kovner	3	11	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Stanford	Antonin Scalia	Yes
Allon Kedem	3	8	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	Elena Kagan	Yes
Zachary D. Tripp	3	8	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Columbia	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Yes
Eric E. Murphy	3	5	Solicitor General of Ohio	Chicago	Anthony Kennedy	No
Daniel L. Geysler	3	4	Stris & Maher LLP	Harvard	None	No
Michael R. Dreeben	2	105	Deputy Solicitor General	Duke	None	Yes
David C. Frederick	2	50	Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick PLLC	Texas	Byron White	Yes
Gregory G. Garre	2	44	Latham & Watkins LLP	George Washington	William Rehnquist	Yes
Paul M. Smith	2	21	Campaign Law Center	Yale	Lewis Powell	No
E. Joshua Rosenkranz	2	17	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	Georgetown	William Brennan	No
Shay Dvoretzky	2	7	Jones Day LLP	Yale	Antonin Scalia	No
Adam G. Unikowsky	2	6	Jenner & Block LLP	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	No
Frederick R. Yarger	2	4	Colorado Solicitor General	Chicago	None	No
Robert A. Parker	2	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	None	Yes
Total: 26						