

Oral Argument - Advocates

Overview

| | OT12 | OT11 | OT10 |
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| Number of different advocates | 120 | 118 | 143 |
| Number of total appearances | 193 | 182 | 196 |
| Appearances by the Office of the Solicitor General | 64 (33%) | 58 (32%) | 57 (29%) |
| Appearances by advocates who argued more than once | 104 (54%) | 98 (54%) | 81 (41%) |
| Appearances by advocates from Washington, D.C. | 125 (65%) | 122 (67%) | 106 (54%) |
| Appearances by expert advocates* | 137 (71%) | <i>Not Available</i> | <i>Not Available</i> |

Most Popular Advocate Origins**

| State | Total |
|------------------|-------|
| Washington, D.C. | 125 |
| New York | 12 |
| California | 11 |
| Texas | 8 |
| Michigan | 5 |
| Virginia | 4 |
| Arizona | 3 |
| Louisiana | 3 |
| Washington | 3 |
| Georgia | 2 |
| Illinois | 2 |

Advocates Who Have Appeared More than Once During OT12

| Rank | Name | Appearances | Position | All-Time |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | Donald B. Verrilli, Jr. | 8 | Solicitor General | 29 |
| 2 | Paul D. Clement | 7 | Bancroft PLLC | 69 |
| 3 | Sri Srinivasan | 5 | Principal Deputy Solicitor General | 25 |
| 4 | Michael R. Dreeben | 4 | Deputy Solicitor General | 88 |
| | Jeffrey L. Fisher | 4 | Stanford Supreme Court Clinic | 21 |
| | David C. Frederick | 4 | Kellogg Huber PLLC | 41 |
| | Gregory G. Garre | 4 | Latham & Watkins LLP | 39 |
| | Edwin S. Kneedler | 4 | Deputy Solicitor General | 121 |
| | Malcolm L. Stewart | 4 | Deputy Solicitor General | 63 |
| | Seth P. Waxman | 4 | WilmerHale LLP | 65 |
| 11 | Ginger D. Anders | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 9 |
| | Lisa S. Blatt | 3 | Arnold & Porter LLP | 33 |
| | Eric J. Feigin | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 6 |
| | Curtis E. Gannon | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 14 |
| | Thomas C. Goldstein | 3 | Goldstein & Russell PC | 28 |
| | Sarah E. Harrington | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 8 |
| | Benjamin J. Horwich | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 8 |
| | Ann O'Connell | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 6 |
| | Joseph R. Palmore | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 7 |
| | Nicole A. Saharsky | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 17 |
| | Pratik A. Shah | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 13 |
| | Melissa A. Sherry | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 8 |
| | Jeffrey B. Wall | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 10 |
| Anthony A. Yang | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | 14 | |
| 25 | John J. Bursch | 2 | Solicitor General of Michigan | 5 |
| | Thomas C. Horne | 2 | Attorney General of Arizona | 2 |
| | Neal K. Katyal | 2 | Hogan Lovells LLP | 17 |
| | Theodore B. Olson | 2 | Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP | 60 |
| | Bert W. Rein | 2 | Wiley Rein LLP | 2 |
| | Charles A. Rothfeld | 2 | Mayer Brown LLP | 30 |
| | Kannon K. Shanmugam | 2 | Williams & Connolly LLP | 13 |
| | Total: 31 | 104 | | |

* 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 ten 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). Sixty-six different expert advocates presented oral arguments during OT12, representing fifty-five percent of all advocates appearing before the Court. The fifty-five percent of advocates classified as experts made seventy-one percent of all appearances.

** An advocate's "origin" is simply the state of origin listed for an advocate on the Court's monthly hearing lists. If attorneys from the Office of the Solicitor General are omitted, lawyers based in Washington, D.C. have appeared sixty-one times during OT12.