

Oral Argument - Advocates

Overview

	OT10	OT11	OT12	OT13	OT14
Number of different advocates	143	118	120	121	112
Number of total appearances	196	182	193	185	178

Appearances by Advocates Who...	OT10	OT11	OT12	OT13	OT14
...Are from the Office of the Solicitor General	57 (29%)	58 (32%)	64 (33%)	61 (33%)	56 (31%)
...Have experience in the Office of the Solicitor General	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	85 (47%)	78 (46%)
...Have argued at least twice during the Term	81 (41%)	98 (54%)	104 (54%)	96 (52%)	104 (58%)
...Are “expert” Supreme Court litigators*	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	137 (71%)	131 (71%)	116 (66%)
...Are based in Washington, D.C.**	106 (54%)	122 (67%)	125 (65%)	119 (64%)	101 (57%)
...Are female	33 (17%)	27 (15%)	33 (17%)	28 (15%)	34 (19%)
...Are female and not from the Office of the Solicitor General***	19 (14%)	14 (11%)	17 (13%)	11 (9%)	17 (14%)

Most Popular Advocate Origins

State	Total
Washington, D.C.	101
Texas	12
California	10
Maryland	6
New York	5

Most Popular Supreme Court Clerkships

Clerkship	Appearances	Advocates
Antonin Scalia	18	8
William Brennan	15	6
Stephen Breyer	9	5
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	7	5
John Paul Stevens	7	2

Most Popular Law Schools

Law School	Appearances	Advocates
Harvard	36	21
Yale	27	15
Texas	10	8
Chicago	11	7
NYU	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 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).

** 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 forty-five times during OT14.

*** 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.

Advocates Who Have Appeared More than Once During OT14

Rank	Name*	Appearances		Position	Law School	Supreme Court Clerkship	U.S. Solicitor General Experience**
		OT14	All-Time				
1	Donald B. Verrilli, Jr.	7	43	Solicitor General	Columbia	William Brennan	Yes
2	Edwin S. Kneeder	4	129	Deputy Solicitor General	Virginia	None	Yes
	Michael R. Dreeben	4	97	Deputy Solicitor General	Duke	None	Yes
	Seth P. Waxman	4	73	WilmerHale LLP	Yale	None	Yes
	Thomas C. Goldstein	4	35	Goldstein & Russell PC	American	None	No
	Jeffrey L. Fisher	4	27	Stanford Supreme Court Clinic	Michigan	John Paul Stevens	No
7	Paul D. Clement	3	77	Bancroft PLLC	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	Yes
	Malcolm L. Stewart	3	70	Deputy Solicitor General	Yale	William Brennan	Yes
	Kannon K. Shanmugam	3	17	Williams & Connolly LLP	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	Yes
	Neal K. Katyal	3	24	Hogan Lovells LLP	Yale	Stephen Breyer	Yes
	Nicole A. Saharsky	3	23	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Minnesota	None	Yes
	Curtis E. Gannon	3	20	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Chicago	Antonin Scalia	Yes
	Anthony A. Yang	3	20	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	None	Yes
	Ginger D. Anders	3	15	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Columbia	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Yes
	Ian H. Gershengorn	3	8	Principal Deputy Solicitor General	Harvard	John Paul Stevens	Yes
	Sarah E. Harrington	3	14	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	None	Yes
	John F. Bash	3	6	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	Yes
	Eric J. Feigin	3	12	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Stanford	Stephen Breyer	Yes
	Katherine M. Menendez	3	3	Assistant Federal Defender	NYU	None	No
	Ann O'Connell	3	11	Assistant to the Solicitor General	George Washington	John Roberts	Yes
21	Carter G. Phillips	2	80	Sidley Austin LLP	Northwestern	Warren Burger	Yes
	David C. Frederick	2	44	Kellogg Huber PLLC	Texas	Byron White	Yes
	Douglas Hallward-Driemeier	2	16	Ropes & Gray LLP	Harvard	None	Yes
	Eric Schnapper	2	21	University of Washington	Yale	None	No
	William M. Jay	2	13	Goodwin Procter LLP	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	Yes
	John P. Elwood	2	9	Vinson & Elkins LLP	Yale	Anthony Kennedy	Yes
	E. Joshua Rosenkranz	2	10	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	Georgetown	William Brennan	No
	Stephen R. McAllister	2	6	Solicitor General of Kansas	Kansas	Clarence Thomas	No
	Elaine J. Goldenberg	2	6	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	None	Yes
	Andrew L. Brasher	2	2	Solicitor General of Alabama	Harvard	None	No
	Brian H. Fletcher	2	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Yes
	Jonathan D. Hacker	2	4	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	Michigan	None	No
	Allyson N. Ho	2	2	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP	Chicago	Sandra Day O'Connor	No
	Scott A. Keller	2	2	Solicitor General of Texas	Texas	Anthony Kennedy	No
	Rachel P. Kovner	2	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Stanford	Antonin Scalia	Yes
	Aaron D. Lindstrom	2	2	Solicitor General of Michigan	Chicago	None	No
	Roman Martinez	2	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	John Roberts	Yes
	Total: 37	103					

* Yellow indicates that an advocate currently works in the Office of the Solicitor General. Blue indicates that an advocate has prior experience in the Office of the Solicitor General.

** For the purposes of this category, we do not consider whether an advocate served as a Bristow Fellow.