

SUMMARY INFORMATION REGARDING THE OCTOBER 2005 TERM
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Status of Cases							
Granted but not argued	0		Argued but not decided	0		Decided	82

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Decided Cases: Method of Disposition							
After argument and by signed opinion	69		After argument and without signed opinion	2		On the briefs	11

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Splits in Decided Cases							
Unanimous	37		9-0 or 8-0	9		8-1 or 7-1	4
6-3 or 5-3	13		5-4	10		4-4	0
						7-2 or 6-2	8
						5-2	1

Unanimous	37		9-0 or 8-0	9		8-1 or 7-1	4
6-3 or 5-3	13		5-4	10		4-4	0
						7-2 or 6-2	8
						5-2	1

Treatment of the Lower Court							
Lower court reversed or vacated	59	Lower court affirmed	20	Lower court reversed or vacated in part and affirmed in part	3	Other	0

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OPINION AUTHORSHIP

Opinion Authorship: Total Number of Opinions									
Roberts	18	Stevens	32	O'Connor	5	Scalia	23	Kennedy	20
Souter	15	Thomas	22	Ginsburg	20	Breyer	25	Alito	10

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Souter	15	Thomas	22	Ginsburg	20	Breyer	25	Alito	10

Opinion Authorship: Majority Opinions											
Per Curiam	13	Roberts	8	Stevens	7	O'Connor	3	Scalia	8	Alito	4
Kennedy	7	Souter	7	Thomas	8	Ginsburg	8	Breyer	5		

Per Curiam	13	Roberts	8	Stevens	7	O'Connor	3	Scalia	8	Alito	4
Kennedy	7	Souter	7	Thomas	8	Ginsburg	8	Breyer	5		

Opinion Authorship: Plurality or Plurality-Like Opinions											
Per Curiam	0	Roberts	0	Stevens	0	O'Connor	0	Scalia	1	Alito	0
Kennedy	1	Souter	0	Thomas	0	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	2		

Per Curiam	0	Roberts	0	Stevens	0	O'Connor	0	Scalia	1	Alito	0
Kennedy	1	Souter	0	Thomas	0	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	2		

Opinion Authorship: Concurring Opinions											
Per Curiam	0	Roberts	2	Stevens	7	O'Connor	0	Scalia	6	Alito	3
Kennedy	7	Souter	2	Thomas	3	Ginsburg	4	Breyer	5		

Per Curiam	0	Roberts	2	Stevens	7	O'Connor	0	Scalia	6	Alito	3
Kennedy	7	Souter	2	Thomas	3	Ginsburg	4	Breyer	5		

Opinion Authorship: Dissenting Opinions											
Per Curiam	0	Roberts	3	Stevens	14	O'Connor	0	Scalia	6	Alito	2
Kennedy	3	Souter	4	Thomas	8	Ginsburg	5	Breyer	11		

Per Curiam	0	Roberts	3	Stevens	14	O'Connor	0	Scalia	6	Alito	2
Kennedy	3	Souter	4	Thomas	8	Ginsburg	5	Breyer	11		

Opinion Authorship: Unanimous Majority Opinions											
Per Curiam	11	Roberts	5	Stevens	4	O'Connor	2	Scalia	2	Alito	1
Kennedy	2	Souter	2	Thomas	3	Ginsburg	3	Breyer	2		

Per Curiam	11	Roberts	5	Stevens	4	O'Connor	2	Scalia	2	Alito	1
Kennedy	2	Souter	2	Thomas	3	Ginsburg	3	Breyer	2		

DISSENTING VOTES

Dissenting Votes: Total Number									
Roberts	7	Stevens	19	O'Connor	0	Scalia	10	Kennedy	9
Souter	14	Thomas	15	Ginsburg	14	Breyer	16	Alito	6

Roberts	7	Stevens	19	O'Connor	0	Scalia	10	Kennedy	9
Souter	14	Thomas	15	Ginsburg	14	Breyer	16	Alito	6

Dissenting Votes: Number of Times the only Dissenter in a Case									
Roberts	0	Stevens	2	O'Connor	0	Scalia	0	Kennedy	0
Souter	0	Thomas	2	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	0	Alito	0

Roberts	0	Stevens	2	O'Connor	0	Scalia	0	Kennedy	0
Souter	0	Thomas	2	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	0	Alito	0

FIVE-TO-FOUR CASES

Number of cases (either entirely 5-4 or 5-4 on a major issue) 11

Five to Four Cases: Alignments		5-4 Cases:
Scalia, Kennedy, Thomas, Alito, Roberts	5	LULAC*, Hudson, Ceballos, Marsh, Sanchez-Llamas
Stevens, Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, Breyer	2	Rapanos**, LULAC*
Stevens, O'Connor, Souter, Ginsburg, Breyer	1	Katz
Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, Alito, Roberts	1	Day
Stevens, Scalia, Thomas, Ginsburg, Roberts	1	McVeigh
Stevens, Scalia, Souter, Ginsburg, Breyer	1	Gonzalez-Lopez
O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Thomas, Roberts	1	Sanders

Five-to-Four Cases: Authorship of the Opinion									
Roberts	1	Stevens	1	O'Connor	0	Scalia	4	Kennedy	2
Souter	0	Thomas	1	Ginsburg	2	Breyer	0	Alito	0

Five-to-Four Cases: Membership in the Majority[†]									
Roberts	8	Stevens	4	O'Connor	2	Scalia	8	Kennedy	8
Souter	4	Thomas	7	Ginsburg	5	Breyer	3	Alito	6

* RE: LULAC There are two 5-4 majorities on two different aspects of the case; this is reflected in the alignment breakdown, but it is only counted once in the "number of cases" tally above.

** RE: Rapanos In this case, we have judged that Kennedy, while nominally forming a 5-4 majority with the conservatives, is better characterized as forming a 5-4 majority with the liberals.

† RE: Whole Table Due to the effect of LULAC, we have incremented all of the sitting justices except Kennedy by 1, while Kennedy has been incremented by 2.