

October Term 1998 Statistics

Status of Cases					
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Granted but not argued		Argued but not decided		Decided	80
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Decided Cases: Method of Disposition					
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After argument and by signed opinion	77	After argument and without signed opinion	1	On the briefs	2
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Splits in Decided							
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Unanimous	22	9-0	12	8-1 or 7-1	7	7-2 or 6-2	13
6-3 or 5-3	8	5-4	17	4-4	1	Other	0

Treatment of the Lower Court							
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Lower court reversed or vacated	51	Lower court affirmed	24	Lower court reversed or vacated in part and affirmed in part	5	Other	0
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Opinion Authorship: Total Number of Opinions									
Rehnquist	18	Stevens	32	O'Connor	15	Scalia	22	Kennedy	19
Souter	14	Thomas	24	Ginsburg	19	Breyer	23		
Opinion Authorship: Majority Opinions									
Per Curiam	5	Rehnquist	9	Stevens	9	O'Connor	10	Scalia	8
Kennedy	8	Souter	7	Thomas	7	Ginsburg	9	Breyer	8
Opinion Authorship: Concurring Opinions									
Rehnquist	3	Stevens	7	O'Connor	3	Scalia	7	Kennedy	6
Souter	2	Thomas	7	Ginsburg	3	Breyer	6		
Opinion Authorship: Dissenting Opinions									
Rehnquist	6	Stevens	16	O'Connor	2	Scalia	6	Kennedy	4
Souter	5	Thomas	10	Ginsburg	10	Breyer	6		
Opinion Authorship: Unanimous Majority Opinions									
Per Curiam	1	Rehnquist	3	Stevens	1	O'Connor	1	Scalia	3
Kennedy	1	Souter	3	Thomas	3	Ginsburg	4	Breyer	2

Dissenting Votes: Total Number									
Rehnquist	17	Stevens	26	O'Connor	7	Scalia	13	Kennedy	8
Souter	15	Thomas	16	Ginsburg	19	Breyer	17		
Dissenting Votes: Number of Times the only Dissenter in a Case									
Rehnquist	1	Stevens	6	O'Connor	0	Scalia	1	Kennedy	0
Souter	1	Thomas	2	Ginsburg	1	Breyer	1		

Five-to-Four Cases										
Number of cases (either entirely 5-4 or 5-4 on a major issue)					19					1998
Five-to-Four Cases: Alignments										
Rehnquist, O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Thomas					10					
Stevens, O'Connor, Souter, Ginsburg, Breyer					3					
Stevens, Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, Breyer					3					
Stevens, O'Connor, Kennedy, Ginsburg, Breyer					1					
Stevens, Scalia, Souter, Thomas, Ginsburg					1					
Rehnquist, O'Connor, Scalia, Souter, Thomas					1					
Five-to-Four Cases: Authorship of the Opinion										
Rehnquist	2	Stevens	1	O'Connor	4	Scalia	2	Kennedy	3	
Souter	2	Thomas	1	Ginsburg	1	Breyer	2	Per Curiam	1	
Five-to-Four Cases: Membership in the Majority										
Rehnquist	11	Stevens	8	O'Connor	15	Scalia	12	Kennedy	14	
Souter	8	Thomas	12	Ginsburg	8	Breyer	7			