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**SUMMARY INFORMATION REGARDING THE TERM**

**Status of Cases**

Granted but dismissed	3	Argued, not decided	1	Decided	79
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**Decided Cases: Method of Disposition**

After argument and by signed opinion	74	After argument and without signed opinion	1	On the briefs	4
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**Splits in Decided Cases**

Unanimous	15	9-0	11	8-1	4
7-2	13	6-3	13	5-4	23

**Treatment of the Lower Court**

Lower court reversed or vacated	59	Lower court affirmed	16	Lower court reversed or vacated in part and affirmed in	3	Other	1
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**OPINION AUTHORSHIP**

**Opinion Authorship: Total Number of Opinions**

Roberts	17	Stevens	29	Scalia	21	Kennedy	14	Souter	21
Thomas	20	Ginsburg	18	Breyer	29	Alito	22		

**Opinion Authorship: Majority Opinions (including Unanimous Opinions, excluding Pluralities)**

Per Curiam	5	Roberts	8	Stevens	9	Scalia	11	Kennedy	6
Souter	8	Thomas	9	Ginsburg	7	Breyer	8	Alito	7

**Opinion Authorship: Plurality or Plurality-Like Opinions**

Per Curiam	0	Roberts	0	Stevens	0	Scalia	0	Kennedy	1
Souter	0	Thomas	0	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	0	Alito	0

**Opinion Authorship: Concurring Opinions**

Roberts	4	Stevens	5	Scalia	7	Kennedy	4	Souter	2
Thomas	5	Ginsburg	2	Breyer	8	Alito	9		

**Opinion Authorship: Dissenting Opinions**

Roberts	5	Stevens	15	Scalia	3	Kennedy	3	Souter	11
Thomas	6	Ginsburg	9	Breyer	13	Alito	6		

**Opinion Authorship: Unanimous Majority Opinions**

Per Curiam	1	Roberts	0	Stevens	0	Scalia	1	Kennedy	0
Souter	3	Thomas	2	Ginsburg	3	Breyer	2	Alito	3

**DISSENTING VOTES**

**Dissenting Votes: Total Number**

Roberts	15	Stevens	28	Scalia	13	Kennedy	6	Souter	25
Thomas	15	Ginsburg	24	Breyer	20	Alito	15		

**Dissenting Votes: Number of Times the only Dissenter in a Case**

Roberts	0	Stevens	0	Scalia	0	Kennedy	0	Souter	0
Thomas	3	Ginsburg	1	Breyer	0	Alito	0		

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**FIVE-TO-FOUR CASES**

<b>Number of cases (entirely 5-4 or 5-4 on a major issue)</b>	23
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<b>Five to Four Cases: Alignments</b>		<b>5-4 Cases:</b>	
Roberts, Scalia, Kennedy, Thomas, Alito	11	14 Penn, Ashcroft, Bartlett, District Attorney's Office	
		FCC, Gross, Herring, Horne, Montejo, Ricci, Summers	
Ginsburg, Stevens, Souter, Breyer, Kennedy	5	Altria, Caperton, Corley, Haywood, Denedo	
Ginsburg, Stevens, Souter, Breyer, Scalia	2	Spears, Cuomo	
Ginsburg, Stevens, Souter, Scalia, Thomas	2	Arizona v. Gant, Melendez-Diaz	
Ginsburg, Stevens, Souter, Breyer, Thomas	1	Atlantic Sounding	
Ginsburg, Stevens, Breyer, Kennedy, Alito	1	Oregon v. Ice	
Ginsburg, Souter, Kennedy, Scalia, Thomas	1	Vaden	

<b>Five-to-Four Cases: Authorship of the Opinion</b>									
Roberts	2	Stevens	3	Scalia	5	Kennedy	5	Souter	1
Thomas	3	Ginsburg	2	Breyer	0	Alito	1	PC	1

<b>Five-to-Four Cases: Membership in the Majority</b>									
Roberts	11	Stevens	11	Scalia	16	Kennedy	18	Souter	11
Thomas	15	Ginsburg	12	Breyer	9	Alito	12		