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Summary of the Court's Workload, October Term 2009

Total cases granted or probable jurisdiction noted: 80;

Original cases: 2;

Cases dismissed before oral argument: 1 (*Pollitt*);

Cases decided before oral argument: 2 (McDaniel, Kiyemba)*.

Total cases heard for oral argument: 77;

Cases decided on the merits: 49*;

Cases dismissed as improvidently granted: 2 (Robertson, Sullivan);

Cases otherwise dismissed or vacated: 2 (*Pottawattamie*, *Briscoe*);

Cases undecided: 24*.

Total cases decided summarily (without argument): 10*.

Total merits opinions to date: 61;

Signed merits opinions: 49;

Unsigned merits opinions: 12.

Total expected merits opinions (in all cases marked *): 85.

†Notes: We count the unsigned opinions in *McDaniel v. Brown* and *Kiyemba v. Obama* as merits decisions. We judge the following opinions, which are published on the Supreme Court website, not to be decisions on the merits: *Briscoe v. Virginia, Robertson v. United States ex rel. Watson*, and *Sullivan v. Florida*.