

Oral Argument - Advocates

Overview³

	OT12	OT11	OT10
Number of different advocates	90	118	143
Number of total appearances	132	182	196
Appearances by the Office of the Solicitor General	43 (33%)	58 (32%)	57 (29%)
Appearances by advocates who argued more than once	68 (52%)	98 (54%)	81 (41%)
Appearances by advocates from Washington, D.C.	83 (63%)	122 (67%)	106 (54%)
Appearances by expert advocates ⁴	91 (69%)	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>

Advocates Who Have Appeared More than Once During OT12

Rank	Name	Appearances	Position	All-Time	
1	Donald B. Verrilli, Jr.	5	Solicitor General	26	
2	Gregory G. Garre	4	Latham & Watkins LLP	39	
3	Paul D. Clement	3	Bancroft PLLC	65	
	Michael R. Dreeben	3	Deputy Solicitor General	86	
	Jeffrey L. Fisher	3	Stanford Supreme Court Clinic	20	
	David C. Frederick	3	Kellogg Huber PLLC	40	
	Thomas C. Goldstein	3	Goldstein & Russell PC	28	
	Edwin S. Kneedler	3	Deputy Solicitor General	119	
	Nicole A. Saharsky	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	17	
	Pratik A. Shah	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	13	
	Malcolm L. Stewart	3	Deputy Solicitor General	57	
	Jeffrey B. Wall	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	10	
	Seth P. Waxman	3	WilmerHale LLP	64	
	14	Ginger D. Anders	2	Assistant to the Solicitor General	8
		Eric J. Feigin	2	Assistant to the Solicitor General	5
Curtis E. Gannon		2	Assistant to the Solicitor General	13	
Sarah E. Harrington		2	Assistant to the Solicitor General	7	
Benjamin J. Horwich		2	Assistant to the Solicitor General	7	
Neal K. Katyal		2	Hogan Lovells LLP	17	
Ann O'Connell		2	Assistant to the Solicitor General	5	
Joseph R. Palmore		2	Assistant to the Solicitor General	6	
Bert W. Rein		2	Wiley Rein LLP	2	
Kannon K. Shanmugam		2	Williams & Connolly LLP	13	
Melissa A. Sherry		2	Assistant to the Solicitor General	7	
Sri Srinivasan		2	Principal Deputy Solicitor General	22	
Anthony A. Yang		2	Assistant to the Solicitor General	13	
		Total: 26	68		

Most Popular Advocate Origins⁵

State	Total
Washington, D.C. ⁶	83
California	9
New York	9
Texas	5
Louisiana	3
Michigan	3
Virginia	3
Washington	3
Arizona	2
Illinois	2
North Carolina	2

³ These tables feature information for advocates who have appeared for oral argument on or prior to February 27, 2013.

⁴ 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). Fifty elite advocates have appeared for oral argument before the Supreme Court during OT12, representing fifty-six percent of all advocates who have appeared at the Court.

⁵ An advocate's "origin" is simply the state of origin listed for an advocate on the Court's monthly hearing lists.

⁶ If attorneys from the Office of the Solicitor General are omitted, lawyers based in Washington, D.C. have appeared forty times during OT12.