

Oral Argument - Advocates

Overview

	OT12	OT11	OT10
Number of different advocates	120	118	143
Number of total appearances	193	182	196
Appearances by the Office of the Solicitor General	64 (33%)	58 (32%)	57 (29%)
Appearances by advocates who argued more than once	104 (54%)	98 (54%)	81 (41%)
Appearances by advocates from Washington, D.C.	125 (65%)	122 (67%)	106 (54%)
Appearances by expert advocates*	137 (71%)	Not Available	Not Available

Most Popular Advocate Origins**

State	Total
Washington, D.C.	125
New York	12
California	11
Texas	8
Michigan	5
Virginia	4
Arizona	3
Louisiana	3
Washington	3
Georgia	2
Illinois	2

Advocates Who Have Appeared More than Once During OT12

Rank	Name	Appearances	Position	All-Time
1	Donald B. Verrilli, Jr.	8	Solicitor General	29
2	Paul D. Clement	7	Bancroft PLLC	69
3	Sri Srinivasan	5	Principal Deputy Solicitor General	25
4	Michael R. Dreeben	4	Deputy Solicitor General	88
	Jeffrey L. Fisher	4	Stanford Supreme Court Clinic	21
	David C. Frederick	4	Kellogg Huber PLLC	41
	Gregory G. Garre	4	Latham & Watkins LLP	39
	Edwin S. Kneedler	4	Deputy Solicitor General	121
	Malcolm L. Stewart	4	Deputy Solicitor General	63
	Seth P. Waxman	4	WilmerHale LLP	65
11	Ginger D. Anders	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	9
	Lisa S. Blatt	3	Arnold & Porter LLP	33
	Eric J. Feigin	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	6
	Curtis E. Gannon	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	14
	Thomas C. Goldstein	3	Goldstein & Russell PC	28
	Sarah E. Harrington	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	8
	Benjamin J. Horwich	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	8
	Ann O'Connell	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	6
	Joseph R. Palmore	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	7
	Nicole A. Saharsky	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	17
	Pratik A. Shah	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	13
25	Melissa A. Sherry	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	8
	Jeffrey B. Wall	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	10
	Anthony A. Yang	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	14
	John J. Bursch	2	Solicitor General of Michigan	5
	Thomas C. Horne	2	Attorney General of Arizona	2
	Neal K. Katyal	2	Hogan Lovells LLP	17
	Theodore B. Olson	2	Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP	60
	Bert W. Rein	2	Wiley Rein LLP	2
	Charles A. Rothfeld	2	Mayer Brown LLP	30
	Kannon K. Shanmugam	2	Williams & Connolly LLP	13
Total: 31		104		

* 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). Sixty-six different expert advocates presented oral arguments during OT12, representing fifty-five percent of all advocates appearing before the Court. The fifty-five percent of advocates classified as experts made seventy-one percent of all appearances.

** An advocate's "origin" is simply the state of origin listed for an advocate on the Court's monthly hearing lists. If attorneys from the Office of the Solicitor General are omitted, lawyers based in Washington, D.C. have appeared sixty-one times during OT12.