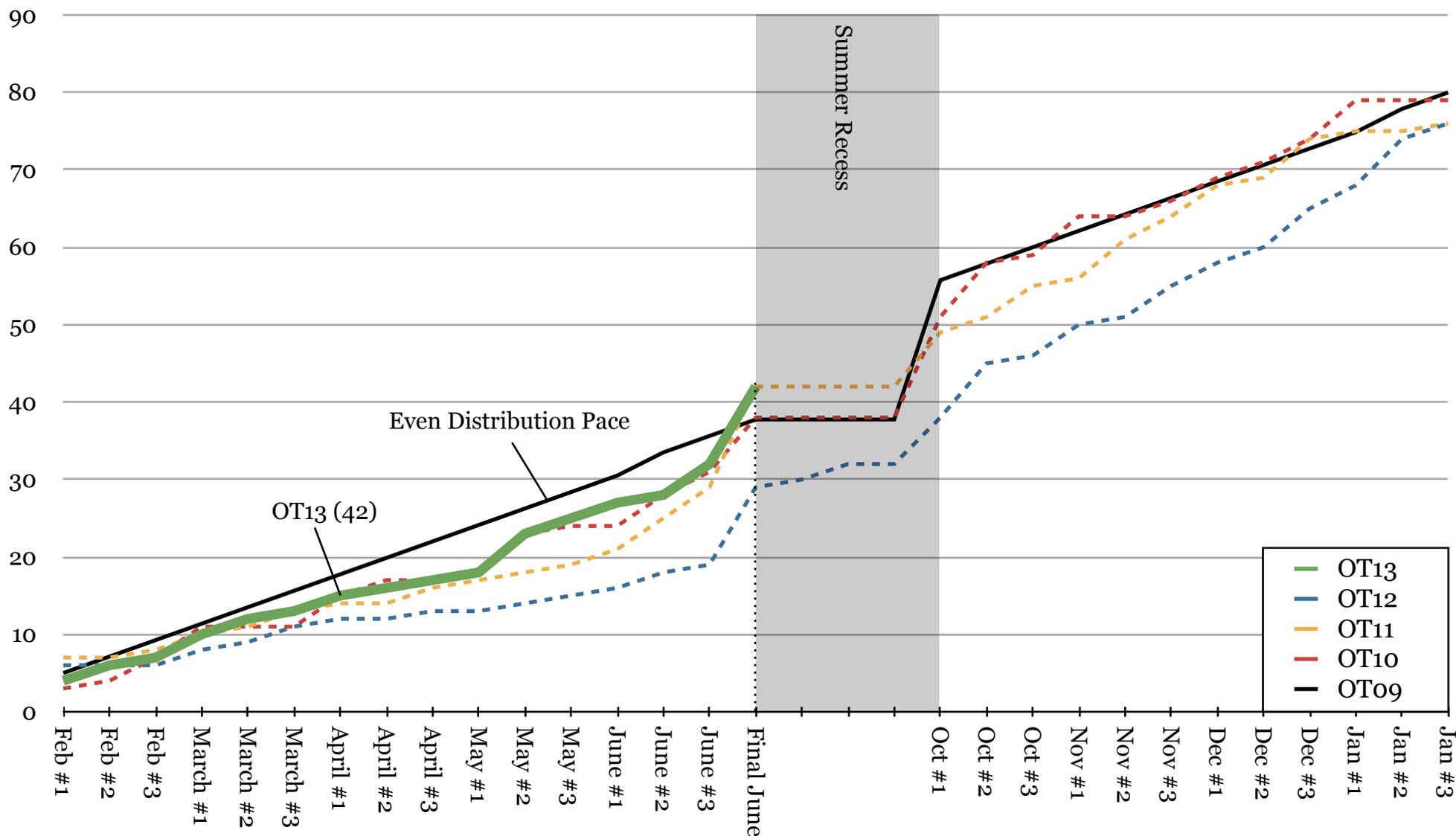


Pace of Grants

The following chart plots the pace at which the Court fills its merits docket for a given Term. Each date marker represents the conference within a given sitting. For instance, Feb #3 is the third February conference, which, for OT12, took place on March 1, 2013. Categorizing grants by their conference within a given sitting ensures more accurate cross-Term comparisons.



* *Burnside v. Walters* and *U.S. Forest Service v. Pacific Rivers Council*, which are included in the above chart as OT13 grants, have been dismissed, bringing the total number of cases expected for oral argument during OT13 to forty.