

Oral Argument - Advocates

Overview

	OT10	OT11	OT12	OT13	OT14	OT15	OT16
Number of different advocates	143	118	120	121	112	117	100
Number of total appearances	196	182	193	185	178	186	158

Appearances by Advocates Who...	OT10	OT11	OT12	OT13	OT14	OT15	OT16
...Are from the Office of the Solicitor General	57 (29%)	58 (32%)	64 (33%)	61 (33%)	56 (31%)	59 (32%)	48 (30%)
...Have experience in the Office of the Solicitor General	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	85 (47%)	78 (46%)	84 (71%)	73 (48%)
...Have argued at least twice during the Term	81 (41%)	98 (54%)	104 (54%)	96 (52%)	104 (58%)	109 (59%)	94 (59%)
...Are “expert” Supreme Court litigators*	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	137 (71%)	131 (71%)	116 (66%)	136 (74%)	115 (74%)
...Are based in Washington, D.C.**	106 (54%)	122 (67%)	125 (65%)	119 (64%)	101 (57%)	122 (66%)	97 (61%)
...Are female	33 (17%)	27 (15%)	33 (17%)	28 (15%)	34 (19%)	32 (18%)	33 (21%)
...Are female and not from the Office of the Solicitor General***	19 (14%)	14 (11%)	17 (13%)	11 (9%)	17 (14%)	13 (10%)	15 (14%)

Most Popular Advocate Origins

State	Total
Washington, D.C.	97
California	11
Texas	10
New York	9
Illinois	4

Most Popular Supreme Court Clerkships

Clerkship	Appearances	Advocates
Antonin Scalia	20	9
Stephen Breyer	11	4
John Paul Stevens	8	4
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	7	4
Anthony Kennedy	6	4

Most Popular Law Schools

Law School	Appearances	Advocates
Harvard	46	29
Yale	28	15
Chicago	8	7
Georgetown	6	4
Texas	7	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 10 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).

** An advocate’s “origin” is simply the state of origin listed for that lawyer on the court’s monthly hearing lists. If attorneys from the Office of the Solicitor General are omitted, lawyers based in Washington, D.C., appeared 49 times during OT16.

*** The percentage figures for this category omit all advocates from the Office of the Solicitor General. As such, they demonstrate the percentage of female advocates from positions other than those within the Office of the Solicitor General as a percentage of all men or women arguing from positions other than those within the Office of the Solicitor General.

Advocates Who Appeared Two or More Times During OT16

Name*	Appearances		Position	Law School	Supreme Court Clerkship	U.S. Solicitor General Experience**
	OT16	All-Time				
Neal K. Katyal	6	34	Hogan Lovells LLP	Yale	Stephen Breyer	Yes
Seth P. Waxman	4	79	WilmerHale LLP	Yale	None	Yes
Jeffrey L. Fisher	4	32	Stanford Supreme Court Clinic	Michigan	John Paul Stevens	No
Edwin S. Kneedler	3	135	Deputy Solicitor General	Virginia	None	Yes
Michael R. Dreeben	3	103	Deputy Solicitor General	Duke	None	Yes
Paul D. Clement	3	86	Kirkland & Ellis LLP	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	Yes
Nicole A. Saharsky	3	29	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Minnesota	None	Yes
Anthony A. Yang	3	26	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	None	Yes
Sarah E. Harrington	3	20	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	None	Yes
Ann O'Connell	3	16	Assistant to the Solicitor General	George Washington	William Rehnquist	Yes
Eric J. Feigin	3	15	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Stanford	Stephen Breyer	Yes
E. Joshua Rosenkranz	3	15	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	Georgetown	William Brennan	No
Elaine J. Goldenberg	3	12	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	None	Yes
Brian H. Fletcher	3	8	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Yes
Scott A. Keller	3	8	Solicitor General of Texas	Texas	Anthony Kennedy	No
Rachel P. Kovner	3	8	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Stanford	Antonin Scalia	Yes
Christopher Landau	3	8	Kirkland & Ellis LLP	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	No
Adam G. Unikowsky	3	4	Jenner & Block LLP	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	No
Malcolm L. Stewart	2	75	Deputy Solicitor General	Yale	Harry Blackmun	Yes
Thomas C. Goldstein	2	40	Goldstein & Russell PC	American	None	No
Irving L. Gornstein	2	38	Counselor to the Solicitor General	Boston University	None	Yes
Lisa S. Blatt	2	35	Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP	Texas	None	Yes
Andrew J. Pincus	2	27	Mayer Brown LLP	Columbia	None	Yes
Kannon K. Shanmugam	2	20	Williams & Connolly LLP	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	Yes
William M. Jay	2	15	Goodwin Procter LLP	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	Yes
Ian H. Gershengorn	2	13	Principal Deputy Solicitor General	Harvard	John Paul Stevens	Yes
John J. Bursch	2	11	Bursch Law PLLC	Minnesota	None	No
Kathleen M. Sullivan	2	11	Quinn Emanuel LLP	Harvard	None	No
Shay Dvoretzky	2	5	Jones Day LLP	Yale	Antonin Scalia	No
Ilana H. Eisenstein	2	5	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Pennsylvania	None	Yes
Allon Kedem	2	5	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	Elena Kagan	Yes
Elizabeth B. Prelogar	2	5	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	Elena Kagan	Yes
Zachary D. Tripp	2	5	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Columbia	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Yes
Marc E. Elias	2	3	Perkins Coie LLP	Duke	None	No
Frederick R. Yarger	2	2	Colorado Solicitor General	Chicago	None	No
Total: 40						