

## Oral Argument - Justices

For our purposes, the number of “questions” per argument is simply the number of times a given justice’s name appears in the argument transcript in capital letters. To account for the chief justice’s administrative comments—such as his call for an advocate to begin—his tally for each case has been uniformly reduced by three “questions.”

### Average Number of Questions Per Argument

	Average
<b>Breyer</b>	20.5
<b>Sotomayor</b>	19.6
<b>Roberts</b>	17.9
<b>Kagan</b>	16.7
<b>Gorsuch</b>	13.7
<b>Kennedy</b>	10.5
<b>Ginsburg</b>	10.2
<b>Alito</b>	10.1
<b>Thomas</b>	0.0

### Frequency as the Top Questioner or as a Top 3 Questioner

	Freq. Top 1	Freq. Top 3
<b>Breyer</b>	39%	67%
<b>Roberts</b>	22%	58%
<b>Sotomayor</b>	21%	73%
<b>Kagan</b>	15%	61%
<b>Gorsuch</b>	8%	23%
<b>Ginsburg</b>	3%	23%
<b>Kennedy</b>	2%	20%
<b>Alito</b>	2%	17%
<b>Thomas</b>	0%	0%

### Most Active Arguments

	Argument	Number of Questions (% of all Questions)
<b>Roberts</b>	Advocate v. Stapleton	36 (28%)
<b>Kennedy</b>	Murr v. Wisconsin	35 (19%)
<b>Thomas</b>	—	—
<b>Ginsburg</b>	Microsoft v. Baker	28 (24%)
<b>Breyer</b>	Czyzewski v. Jevic Holding	57 (34%)
<b>Alito</b>	Advocate v. Stapleton	26 (20%)
<b>Sotomayor</b>	Sandoz v. Amgen	49 (36%)
<b>Kagan</b>	Esquivel-Quintana v. Sessions	40 (37%)
<b>Gorsuch</b>	Perry v. MSPB	47 (30%)

### Frequency as the First Questioner

	Frequency	
<b>Ginsburg</b>	19 /64	30%
<b>Sotomayor</b>	14 /63	22%
<b>Kennedy</b>	14 /64	22%
<b>Roberts</b>	10 /64	16%
<b>Kagan</b>	7 /62	11%
<b>Thomas</b>	0 /64	0%
<b>Breyer</b>	0 /64	0%
<b>Alito</b>	0 /64	0%
<b>Gorsuch</b>	0 /13	0%