

Oral Argument - Advocates

| Overview | | | | | | | |
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| | OT12 | OT13 | OT14 | OT15 | OT16 | OT17 | OT18 |
| Number of Different Advocates | 120 | 121 | 112 | 117 | 100 | 113 | 124 |
| Number of Total Appearances | 193 | 185 | 178 | 186 | 158 | 163 | 182 |

| Appearances by Advocates Who... | OT12 | OT13 | OT14 | OT15 | OT16 | OT17 | OT18 |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| ...Are from the Office of the Solicitor General | 64 (33%) | 61 (33%) | 56 (31%) | 59 (32%) | 48 (30%) | 48 (29%) | 52 (29%) |
| ...Have experience in the Office of the Solicitor General | Not Available | 85 (47%) | 78 (46%) | 84 (71%) | 73 (48%) | 71 (65%) | 88 (48%) |
| ...Have argued at least twice during the Term | 104 (54%) | 96 (52%) | 104 (58%) | 109 (59%) | 94 (59%) | 77 (47%) | 92 (51%) |
| ...Are “expert” Supreme Court litigators* | 137 (71%) | 131 (71%) | 116 (66%) | 136 (74%) | 115 (74%) | 89 (56%) | 125 (69%) |
| ...Are based in Washington, D.C.** | 125 (65%) | 119 (64%) | 101 (57%) | 122 (66%) | 97 (61%) | 97 (60%) | 109 (61%) |
| ...Are female | 33 (17%) | 28 (15%) | 34 (19%) | 32 (18%) | 33 (21%) | 19 (12%) | 31 (17%) |
| ...Are female and not from the Office of the Solicitor General*** | 17 (13%) | 11 (9%) | 17 (14%) | 13 (10%) | 15 (14%) | 10 (9%) | 21 (12%) |

| Most Popular Advocate Origins | |
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| State | Total |
| Washington, D.C. | 109 |
| California | 12 |
| New York | 10 |
| Texas | 8 |

| Most Popular Supreme Court Clerkships | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Clerkship | Appearances | Advocates |
| Antonin Scalia | 26 | 11 |
| John G. Roberts | 15 | 9 |
| Stephen Breyer | 10 | 7 |
| Ruth Bader Ginsburg | 7 | 4 |

| Most Popular Law Schools | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Law School | Appearances | Advocates |
| Harvard | 34 | 24 |
| Yale | 33 | 18 |
| Chicago | 15 | 7 |
| Stanford | 9 | 5 |
| Michigan | 8 | 5 |

* We adopt Richard Lazarus’ 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 59 times during OT18.

*** The percentage figures for this category omit all advocates from the Office of the Solicitor General. 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.

**** The advocate appearances in *Knick*, argued twice, are counted once.

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Advocates Who Have Argued Two or More Cases During OT18

| Name | Appearances | | Position | Law School | Supreme Court Clerkship | U.S. Solicitor General Experience | Gender |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------|---|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| | OT18 | All Time | | | | | |
| David C. Frederick | 5 | 55 | Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick PLLC | Texas | Byron White | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Jeffrey B. Wall | 5 | 21 | Principal Deputy Solicitor General | Chicago | Clarence Thomas | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Noel J. Francisco | 5 | 11 | Solicitor General | Chicago | Antonin Scalia | Solicitor General | Male |
| Paul D. Clement | 4 | 96 | Kirkland & Ellis LLP | Harvard | Antonin Scalia | Solicitor General | Male |
| Edwin S. Kneedler | 4 | 142 | Deputy Solicitor General | Virginia | None | Deputy Solicitor General | Male |
| Kannon K. Shanmugam | 4 | 27 | Williams & Connolly LLP* | Harvard | Antonin Scalia | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Malcolm L. Stewart | 4 | 83 | Deputy Solicitor General | Yale | Harry Blackmun | Deputy Solicitor General | Male |
| Daniel L. Geysler | 4 | 8 | Geysler PC | Harvard | None | None | Male |
| Shay Dvoretzky | 3 | 10 | Jones Day LLP | Yale | Antonin Scalia | None | Male |
| Eric J. Feigin | 3 | 21 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Stanford | Stephen Breyer | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Jeffrey L. Fisher | 3 | 38 | Stanford Supreme Court Clinic | Michigan | John Paul Stevens | None | Male |
| Allon Kedem | 3 | 11 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Yale | Elena Kagan | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Zachary D. Tripp | 3 | 11 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Columbia | Ruth Bader Ginsburg | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Anthony A. Yang | 3 | 29 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Yale | None | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Jonathan C. Bond | 3 | 4 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | George Washington | Antonin Scalia | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Lisa S. Blatt | 2 | 37 | Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP* | Texas | None | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Female |
| Theodore J. Boutrous Jr. | 2 | 4 | Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP | San Diego | None | None | Male |
| Paul W. Hughes | 2 | 5 | Mayer Brown LLP* | Yale | None | None | Male |
| Neal K. Katyal | 2 | 39 | Hogan Lovells LLP | Yale | Stephen Breyer | Acting Solicitor General | Male |
| Rachel P. Kovner | 2 | 13 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Stanford | Antonin Scalia | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Female |
| Ann O'Connell Adams | 2 | 21 | Assistant to the Solicitor General* | George Washington | William Rehnquist | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Female |
| Carter G. Phillips | 2 | 87 | Sidley Austin LLP | Northwestern | Warren Burger | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Andrew J. Pincus | 2 | 29 | Mayer Brown LLP | Columbia | None | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Seth P. Waxman | 2 | 82 | WilmerHale LLP | Yale | None | Solicitor General | Male |
| Michael B. Kimberly | 2 | 5 | Mayer Brown LLP* | Yale | None | None | Male |
| Christopher G. Michel | 2 | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Yale | John G. Roberts | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Erica L. Ross | 2 | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Stanford | Elena Kagan | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Female |
| Jonathan Ellis | 2 | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Pennsylvania | John G. Roberts | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Michael R. Huston | 2 | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Michigan | John G. Roberts | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Morgan Ratner | 2 | 3 | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Harvard | John G. Roberts | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Female |
| Toby J. Heytens | 2 | 9 | Solicitor General of Virginia | Virginia | Ruth Bader Ginsburg | Assistant to the Solicitor General | Male |
| Total: 30 | | | | | | | |

*Since their last oral arguments so far this term, these attorneys have moved to new positions.