

Oral Argument - Advocates

Overview								
	OT12	OT13	OT14	OT15	OT16	OT17	OT18	OT19
Number of Different Advocates	120	121	112	117	100	113	122	103
Number of Total Appearances	193	185	178	186	158	163	178	155
Appearances by Advocates Who...	OT12	OT13	OT14	OT15	OT16	OT17	OT18	OT19
...Are from the Office of the Solicitor General	64 (33%)	61 (33%)	56 (31%)	59 (32%)	48 (30%)	48 (29%)	50 (28%)	42 (27%)
...Have experience in the Office of the Solicitor General	Not Available	85 (47%)	78 (46%)	84 (71%)	73 (48%)	71 (65%)	86 (48%)	80 (52%)
...Have argued at least twice during the Term	104 (54%)	96 (52%)	104 (58%)	109 (59%)	94 (59%)	77 (47%)	87 (49%)	82 (53%)
...Are “expert” Supreme Court litigators*	137 (71%)	131 (71%)	116 (66%)	136 (74%)	115 (74%)	89 (56%)	123 (69%)	114 (74%)
...Are based in Washington, D.C.**	125 (65%)	119 (64%)	101 (57%)	122 (66%)	97 (61%)	97 (60%)	109 (61%)	103 (66%)
...Are female	33 (17%)	28 (15%)	34 (19%)	32 (18%)	33 (21%)	19 (12%)	30 (17%)	20 (13%)
...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%)	13 (8%)

Most Popular Advocate Origins	
State	Total
Washington, D.C.	103
California	8
New York	7
Texas	5
Virginia	5

Most Popular Supreme Court Clerkships		
Clerkship	Appearances	Advocates
Antonin Scalia	25	10
John G. Roberts	17	8
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	7	6
Stephen Breyer	7	4
Elena Kagan	6	4
David Souter	5	4

Most Popular Law Schools		
Law School	Appearances	Advocates
Harvard	41	33
Yale	32	20
Chicago	12	2
Stanford	10	6
Virginia	9	6

* 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.

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Advocates Who Have Argued Two or More Cases During OT19

Name	Appearances		Position	Law School	Supreme Court Clerkship	U.S. Solicitor General Experience	Gender
	OT19	All Time					
Noel Francisco	7	19	Solicitor General	Chicago	Antonin Scalia	Yes	Male
Paul Clement	6	102	Kirkland & Ellis	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	Yes	Male
Jeffrey Wall	5	26	Principal Deputy Solicitor General	Chicago	Clarence Thomas	Yes	Male
Malcolm Stewart	4	87	Deputy Solicitor General	Yale	Harry Blackmun	Yes	Male
Lisa Blatt	3	40	Williams & Connolly	Texas	None	Yes	Female
Jonathan Ellis	3	6	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Pennsylvania	John Roberts	Yes	Male
Eric Feigin	3	24	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Stanford	Stephen Breyer	Yes	Male
Paul Hughes	3	8	McDermott Will & Emery	Yale	None	None	Male
Edwin Kneedler	3	145	Deputy Solicitor General	Virginia	None	Yes	Male
Christopher Michel	3	6	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	John G. Roberts	Yes	Male
Morgan Ratner	3	6	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	John G. Roberts	Yes	Female
Erica Ross	3	6	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Stanford	Elena Kagan	Yes	Female
Jonathan Bond	2	6	Assistant to the Solicitor General	George Washington	Antonin Scalia	Yes	Male
Brian Burgess	2	2	Goodwin Procter	NYU	Sonia Sotomayor	Yes	Male
Toby Crouse	2	2	Kansas Solicitor General	Kansas	None	None	Male
Shay Dvoretzky	2	12	Jones Day	Yale	Antonin Scalia	None	Male
Jeffrey Fisher	2	40	Stanford Supreme Court Clinic	Michigan	John Paul Stevens	None	Male
Matthew Guarnieri	2	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Columbia	None	Yes	Male
Michael Huston	2	5	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Michigan	John G. Roberts	Yes	Male
Sopan Joshi	2	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Northwestern	Antonin Scalia, Samuel Alito	Yes	Male
Neal Katyal	2	41	Hogan Lovells	Yale	Stephen Breyer	Yes	Male
Douglas Letter	2	3	U.S. House of Representatives	Berkeley	None	None	Male
Frederick Liu	2	6	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	John G. Roberts	Yes	Male
Roman Martinez	2	9	Latham & Watkins	Yale	John G. Roberts	Yes	Male
Elizabeth Murrill	2	3	Louisiana Solicitor General	Louisiana State	None	None	Female
Theodore Olson	2	64	Gibson Dunn	Berkeley	None	Yes	Male
Joseph Palmore	2	12	Morrison & Foerster	Virginia	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Yes	Male
Adam Unikowsky	2	9	Jenner & Block	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	None	Male
Donald B. Verrilli, Jr.	2	52	Munger, Tolles & Olson	Columbia	William Brennan	Yes	Male
Anthony Yang	2	31	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	None	Yes	Male