# **Oral Argument - Advocates**

#### Overview

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

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

#### **Most Popular Advocate Origins**

State	Total
Washington, D.C.	122
California	10
Kansas	6
Maryland	6
New York	6

## **Most Popular Supreme Court Clerkships**

Clerkship	Appearances	Advocates
Antonin Scalia	24	11
William Brennan	8	2
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	7	4
Clarence Thomas	7	6
Byron White	6	2

### **Most Popular Law Schools**

Law School	Appearances	Advocates	
Harvard	37	19	
Yale	30	17	
Chicago	10	7	
Columbia	14	6	
Georgetown	7	5	

<sup>\*</sup> 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 ten 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).

<sup>\*\*</sup> An advocate's "origin" is simply the state of origin listed for an advocate on the Court's monthly hearing lists. If attorneys from the Office of the Solicitor General are omitted, lawyers based in Washington, D.C., have appeared sixty-three times during OT15.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> 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 More than Once During OT15** 

		Appearances			0	Supreme Court	U.S. Solicitor General
Rank	Name*	OT15 All-Time		Position	Law School	Clerkship	Experience
1	Paul D. Clement	6	83	Bancroft PLLC Harvard		Antonin Scalia	Yes
•	Donald B. Verrilli, Jr.	6	49	Solicitor General	Columbia	William Brennan	Yes
3	Michael R. Dreeben	4	100	Deputy Solicitor General	Duke	None	Yes
3	David C. Frederick	4	48	Kellogg Huber PLLC	Texas	Byron White	Yes
	Neal K. Katyal	4	28	Hogan Lovells LLP	Yale	Stephen Breyer	Yes
6	Edwin S. Kneedler	3	132	Deputy Solicitor General	Virginia	None	Yes
ŭ	Carter G. Phillips	3	83	Sidley Austin LLP	Northwestern	Warren Burger	Yes
	Malcolm L. Stewart	3	73	Deputy Solicitor General	Yale	Harry Blackmun	Yes
	Thomas C. Goldstein	3	38	Goldstein & Russell PC	American	None	No
	Nicole A. Saharsky	3	26	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Minnesota	None	Yes
	Curtis E. Gannon	3	23	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Chicago	Antonin Scalia	Yes
	Anthony A. Yang	3	23	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	None	Yes
	Paul M. Smith	3	19	Jenner & Block LLP	Yale	Lewis Powell	No
	Ginger D. Anders	3	18	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Columbia	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Yes
	Sarah E. Harrington	3	17	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	None	Yes
	Ian H. Gershengorn	3	11	Principal Deputy Solicitor General	Harvard	John Paul Stevens	Yes
	John F. Bash	3	9	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	Yes
	Elaine J. Goldenberg	3	9	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	None	Yes
	Roman Martinez	3	6	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	John Roberts	Yes
	Scott A. Keller	3	5	Solicitor General of Texas	Texas	Anthony Kennedy	No
	Christopher Landau	3	5	Kirkland & Ellis LLP	Harvard	Antonin Scalia	No
22	Seth P. Waxman	2	75	WilmerHale LLP	Yale	None	Yes
	Gregory G. Garre	2	42	Latham & Watkins LLP	George Washington	William Rehnquist	Yes
	Ann O'Connell	2	13	Assistant to the Solicitor General	George Washington	William Rehnquist	Yes
	E. Joshua Rosenkranz	2	12	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	Georgetown	William Brennan	No
	Michael A. Carvin	2	10	Jones Day LLP	George Washington	None	No
	Stephen R. McAllister	2	8	Solicitor General of Kansas	Kansas	Byron White	No
	Peter K. Stris	2	6	Stris & Maher LLP	Harvard	None	No
	Brian H. Fletcher	2	5	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Yes
	Jeffrey T. Green	2	5	Sidley Austin LLP	California - Davis	None	No
	Rachel P. Kovner	2	5	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Stanford	Antonin Scalia	Yes
	Ilana H. Eisenstein	2	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Pennsylvania	None	Yes
	Noel J. Francisco	2	3	Jones Day LLP	Chicago	Antonin Scalia	No
	Allon Kedem	2	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Yale	Elena Kagan	Yes
	Erin E. Murphy	2	3	Bancroft PLLC	Georgetown	John Roberts	No
	Elizabeth B. Prelogar	2	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Harvard	Elena Kagan	Yes
	Zachary D. Tripp	2	3	Assistant to the Solicitor General	Columbia	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Yes
	William S. Consovoy	2	2	George Mason University School of Law S		Clarence Thomas	No
	John M. Duggan	2	2	Duggan, Shadwick, Doerr & Kurlbaum LL	Iowa	None	No
	Total: 39						

<sup>\*</sup> Yellow indicates that an advocate currently works in the Office of the Solicitor General. Blue indicates that an advocate has prior experience in the Office of the Solicitor General. For the purposes of this chart, we do not consider whether an advocate served as a Bristow Fellow.