

Oral Argument Charts

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. Chief Justice Roberts’ total is adjusted to discount his routine administrative comments.

Average Number of Questions

	Average
Scalia	25.8
Breyer	20.3
Sotomayor	19.2
Roberts	18.2
Ginsburg	14.0
Alito	12.1
Kennedy	11.0
Kagan	10.6
Thomas	0.0

Frequency as a Top or Top 3 Questioner

	Freq. Top 1	Freq. Top 3
Scalia	50%	78%
Sotomayor	21%	60%
Breyer	22%	56%
Roberts	8%	44%
Ginsburg	5%	31%
Alito	1%	24%
Kennedy	1%	15%
Kagan	0%	8%
Thomas	0%	0%

Average Number of Questions

Arranged by Decision Split

	9-0	8-1	7-2	6-3	5-4
Roberts	15	21	21	19	20
Scalia	23	26	25	28	30
Kennedy	8	12	12	8	14
Thomas	0	0	0	0	0
Ginsburg	14	15	14	4	15
Breyer	18	23	20	24	28
Alito	11	12	11	17	19
Sotomayor	19	17	20	25	25
Kagan	10	9	9	14	14
Overall	113	133	128	138	160

Frequency as the First Questioner

	Frequency	
Ginsburg	21 /78	27%
Scalia	20 /78	26%
Roberts	12 /77	16%
Sotomayor	10 /75	13%
Alito	7 /78	9%
Kennedy	6 /78	8%
Kagan	2 /51	4%
Thomas	0 /78	0%
Breyer	0 /78	0%