

Days Between Grant And Oral Argument

The following charts address the number of days between when the Court grants certiorari (or otherwise decides that a case should be argued), and when it hears oral argument in a given case. The typical briefing schedule outlined in the Court’s rules allows for 112 days between argument and opinion. The Court typically seeks to avoid compressing the briefing schedule and, as the charts below show, it was fairly successful during OT 2010.

Argued	Avg. Days
October	207d
November	179d
December	165d
January	117d
February	140d
March	130d
April	118d
Overall	153d

Average	153d
Median	149d
St. Dev	38d

Longest	<i>Abbott</i>	252d
Shortest	<i>Montana</i>	90d

OT03	172d
OT04	167d
OT05	165d
OT06	131d
OT07	134d
OT08	167d
OT09	168d
OT10	153d

	Rank		Days	Month Argued	Granted	Argued
Longest	1	<i>Abbott</i>	252d	October	Jan 25	Oct 4
	2	<i>Flores-Villar</i>	233d	November	Mar 22	Nov 10
	3	<i>Harrington</i>	232d	October	Feb 22	Oct 12
	4	<i>LA County</i>	225d	October	Feb 22	Oct 5
	5*	<i>Michigan</i>	218d	October	Mar 1	Oct 5
	5*	<i>Bruesewitz</i>	218d	October	Mar 8	Oct 12
	7	<i>Snyder</i>	212d	October	Mar 8	Oct 6
	8	<i>NASA</i>	211d	October	Mar 8	Oct 5
	9	<i>Matrixx</i>	210d	January	Jun 14	Jan 10
	10	<i>Kasten</i>	205d	October	Mar 22	Oct 13

Shortest	1	<i>Montana</i>	90d	January	Oct 12	Jan 10
	2*	<i>McIntyre</i>	105d	January	Sep 28	Jan 11
	2*	<i>Goodyear</i>	105d	January	Sep 28	Jan 11
	4*	<i>Sykes</i>	106d	January	Sep 28	Jan 12
	4*	<i>King</i>	106d	January	Sep 28	Jan 12
	6	<i>McNeill</i>	108d	April	Jan 7	Apr 25
	7*	<i>Talk America</i>	110d	March	Dec 10	Mar 30
	7*	<i>PLIVA</i>	110d	March	Dec 10	Mar 30
	9*	<i>Stern</i>	112d	January	Sep 28	Jan 18
	9*	<i>Bayer</i>	112d	January	Sep 28	Jan 18

* You can read about a less successful past Term here <<http://www.scotusblog.com/2008/01/on-the-docket-and-briefing-schedules/>>.

* In a handful of cases, the Court will not be presented with a petition for writ of certiorari, but will instead receive a Statement of Jurisdiction. These charts treat those cases identically to cert. petitions and the “Grant Date” indicates when the Court noted probable jurisdiction or postponed the determination of jurisdiction.