

Oral Argument

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 Vote Split

	9-0	8-1	7-2	6-3	5-4
Roberts	15	20	21	31	17
Scalia	24	26	25	32	30
Kennedy	9	12	12	13	15
Thomas	0	0	0	0	0
Ginsburg	14	15	14	11	14
Breyer	17	21	20	28	24
Alito	11	12	11	12	17
Sotomayor	19	17	21	20	22
Kagan	11	9	10	15	10
Overall	114	129	130	160	148

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%