Overview of October Term 2010

Unless otherwise noted, the following charts cover October Term 2010, which began on October 4, 2010 and will continue through June 2011. As the Term continues, we will update the Stat Pack with more robust information on the current Term and a greater number of cross-term charts.

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Summary of the Term

Total Merit Opinions Released	50
Signed opinions after oral argument	45
Summary reversals	4
Affirmed 4-4	1
Total Merit Opinions Expected	81
Scheduled for oral argument	79
Summary reversals	4
(Dismissed)	(2)
Total Cases Granted for OT 11	19

^{*} You can find out more about our statistics features here: http://www.scotusblog.com/2010/11/scotusblog-4-0-and-statistics/.

You can find past Stat Packs here: http://www.scotusblog.com/reference/stat-pack/.

Opinions by Sitting

Roberts	1		1		1		1		-		_		-	JGR	2
Scalia	1		2		2		1		1		-		-	AS	
Kennedy	2		2		1		-		-		-		-	AMI	K
Thomas	1		2		-		1		1		_		-	CT	
Ginsburg	2		1		1		1		-		-		-	RBG	
Breyer	2		1		1		-		1		1		-	SGB	
Alito	1		-		2		1		1		-		-	SAA	
Sotomayor	1		-		2		1		-		-		-	SMS	8
Kagan	1		1		1 -				1 -				-	EK	
Justice	October		Novembe		Decem		January		Februa		March		April	Tota	
	Total: 12 Rema	ain: o	Total: 13 Rema	in: 2	Total: 12 Re		Total: 11 Rem	ain: 5	Total: 10 Ren	nain: 5	Total: 12 Rem	ain: 10	Total: 8 Remain: 8	Exp.	7
	Abbott	RBG	Tohono O'odham	AMK	Wall	SAA	Matrixx	SMS	Freeman		Davis		Microsoft		
	Ransom	EK	Ortiz	RBG	Walker	RBG	Montana	CT	Tinklenberg	SGB	Tolentino	PC	Tapia		
	LA County	SGB	Staub	AS	Plata	AMK	Goodyear		Bond		Duryea		Am. Electrical		
	Bryant	SMS	Ent. Merch. Ass'n		CIGNA	SGB	McIntyre		Global-Tech	SAA	Fox		Apache Nation		
	NASA	SAA	Sossamon	CT	VOPA	AS	King	SAA	DePierre		J.D.B.		John Fund		
	Snyder	JGR	Winn	AMK	Milner	EK	Sykes		Stanford		Turner		McNeill		
	Connick	CT	Williamson	SGB	Henderson	SAA	Gen. Dynamics	AS	Schindler	CT	McBride		Sorrell		
	Harrington	AMK	Costco	PC	Pepper	SMS	Bayer		Camreta	EK	AZ Free Ent.		Nevada		
	Bruesewitz	AS	Mayo	JGR	Janus		Stern		Bullcoming		Fowler	SGB			
	Premo	AMK	Concepcion	AS	Thompson	AS	Astra	RBG	Al-Kidd	AS	Wal-Mart				
	Kasten	SGB	Cullen	CT	Chase	SMS	AT&T	JGR			PLIVA				
	Skinner	RBG	Flores-Villar		Whiting	JGR			_		Talk America				
-			CSX Trans.	EK			-						_		

^{*}CostCo v. Omega was aff'd 4-4. Tolentino v. New York was dismissed as improvidently granted. Madison v. Oneida was dismissed prior to oral arguments and is therefore not represented on this chart. The Court scheduled 79 cases for oral argument and, after two dismissals and one per curiam opinions (CostCo), the Court is expected to release 76 signed opinions for the current term.

Cases by Vote Split

The following chart shows the merits opinions that have been released by the Court, divided by the strength of the majority opinion, sorted by release date. Cases in which fewer than nine members voted are marked with the actual vote total and *per curiam* decisions are indicated as such.

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1 (2%)

9-0	8-1	7-2	6-3
25 (51%)	8 (16%)	9 (18%)	1 (2%
Wilson v. Corcoran (PC)	Ransom v. MBNA	Bruesewitz v. Wyeth (6-2)	Skinner v. Switzer
Abbott v. U.S. (8-0)	Snyder v. Phelps	CSX Transport. v. Alabama	
LA County v. Humphries (8-o)	Pepper v. U.S. (7-1)	Michigan v. Bryant (6-2)	
Mayo v. U.S. (8-o)	Milner v. Navy	Kasten v. Saint-Gobain (6-2)	
Harrington v. Richter (8-0)	J.S. v. Tohono O'odham (7-1)	Cullen v. Pinholster	
Premo v. Moore (8-0)	Montana v. Wyoming (7-1)	VOPA v. Reinhard (6-2)	
NASA v. Nelson (8-o)	Kentucky v. King	Sossamon v. Texas (6-2)	
Thompson v. N.A. Stainless (8-o)	Global-Tech v. SEB S.A.	Fowler v. U.S.	
Ortiz v. Jordan		Camreta v. Greene	
Chase v. McCoy			
Swarthout v. Cooke (PC)			
Walker v. Martin			
Williamson v. Mazda (8-0)			
FCC v. AT&T (8-0)			
Staub v. Proctor (8-0)			
Henderson v. Shinseki (8-0)			
Wall v. Kholi			
Felkner v. Jackson (PC)			
Matrixx v. Siracusano			
Astra v. Santa Clara (8-0)			
Bobby v. Mitts (PC)			
CIGNA v. Amara (8-0)		Not Included Above	
General Dynamics v. U.S	Madison v. Oneida	Vacated and remanded prior to oral argu	ments
US v. Tinklenberg (8-0)	Costco v. Omega	Affirmed by an equally divided court (4-2	OT09
Ashcroft v. Al-Kidd (8-0)	Tolentino v. New York	Dismissed as improvidently granted	OTo8

	Past Terms											
	9-0	8-1	7-2	6-3	5-4							
OT09	46%	10%	15%	11%	18%							
OTo8	33%	5%	16%	16%	29%							
OTo 7	30%	9%	29%	14%	17%							
ОТ06	39%	13%	11%	4%	33%							
OTo ₅	56%	5%	11%	16%	12%							
Avg.	41%	8%	17%	12%	22%							

5-4

6 (12%)

Chamber of Comm. v. Whiting (5-3)

Connick v. Thompson AZ Christian v. Winn AT&T v. Concepcion Schindler v. Kirk (5-3) Brown v. Plata

Circuit Scorecard

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	Number	Percent	Decided	Aff'd	Rev'd	Aff'd %	Rev'd %	Aff'd (4-4)
CA1	2	2%	1	1	0	100%	0%	
CA2	4	5%	2	0	2	ο%	100%	
CA3	5	6%	3	2	1	67%	33%	
CA4	4	5%	2	1	1	50%	50%	
CA5	5	6%	3	1	2	33%	67%	
CA6	6	7%	4	1	3	25%	75%	
CA7	5	6%	3	0	3	ο%	100%	
CA8	4	5%	2	1	1	50%	50%	
CA9	25	31%	19	3	15	17%	83%	1
CA10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CA11	3	4%	2	0	2	ο%	100%	
CA DC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CA Fed	7	9%	4	1	3	25%	75%	
State	9	11%	3	0	3	ο%	100%	
Dist. Court.	1	1%	1	1	0	100%	ο%	
Original	1	1%	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	81	100%	50	12	36	25%	75%	1

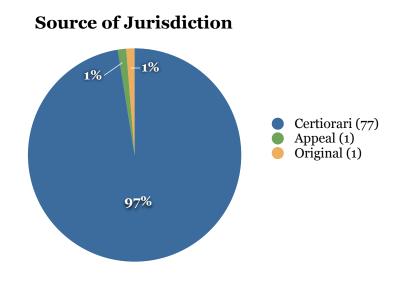
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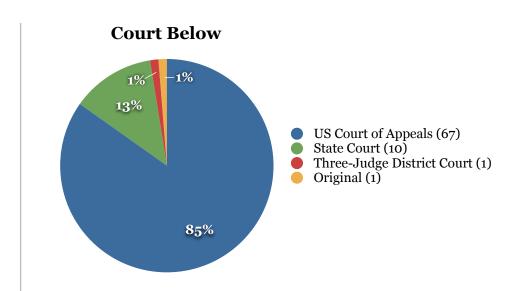
	Number	Percent
CA1		
CA2		
CA3	2	11%
CA4	1	5%
CA ₅		
CA6	3	16%
CA7		
CA8		
CA9	6	32%
CA10	1	5%
CA11	3	16%
CA DC	1	5%
CA Fed		
State	2	11%
Dist. Court.		
Original		
	19	100%

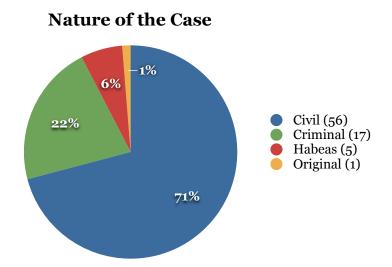
^{*} The number of cases granted from a given circuit does not include cases that were later dismissed.

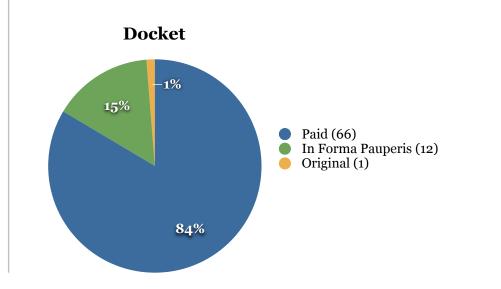
Make-up of the Merits Docket

The following charts depict different aspects of the Court's merits docket - the petitions that were granted and scheduled for full briefing and oral arguments









Opinion Authorship

The following chart shows the number of opinions authored by each Justice.

	Total # Opinions	Majority Opinions	Concurring Opinions	Dissenting Opinions
Roberts	5	4	-	1
Scalia	20	7	8	5
Kennedy	9	5	2	2
Thomas	13	5	5	3
Ginsburg	14	5	4	5
Breyer	12	6	3	3
Alito	12	5	3	4
Sotomayor	12	4	4	4
Kagan	5	4	-	1
	102	45	29	28

Majority Opinion Authorship and Vote Split

The following charts show the strength of the majority opinions authored by each Justice.

Tota	Total number of opinions authored									
	Total	9-0	8-1	7-2	6-3	5-4				
Roberts	4	2	1	-	-	1				
Scalia	7	4	-	2	-	1				
Kennedy	5	2	1	-	-	2				
Thomas	5	-	1	2	-	2				
Ginsburg	5	4	-	-	1	-				
Breyer	6	4	-	2	-	-				
Alito	5	3	2	-	-	-				
Sotomayor	4	2	1	1	-	-				
Kagan	4	-	2	2	-	-				
	45	21	8	9	1	6				

Authors	ship as a j	percentag	ge of simi	lar opinic	ns
	9-0	8-1	7-2	6-3	5-4
Roberts	10%	13%	-	-	17%
Scalia	19%	-	22%	-	17%
Kennedy	10%	13%	-	-	33%
Thomas	-	13%	22%	-	33%
Ginsburg	19%	-	-	100%	-
Breyer	19%	-	22%	-	-
Alito	14%	25%	-	-	-
Sotomayor	10%	13%	11%	-	-
Kagan	-	25%	22%	-	-
	100% (21)	100% (8)	100% (9)	100% (1)	100% (6)

Frequency in the Majority

The following charts measure how frequently each Justice has voted with the majority during OT 2010. The charts include summary reversals but do not include cases that were dismissed.

All Cases

Justice	Votes	Frequency in Majority	ОТо9	OTo8	ОТо7
Roberts	49	96%	91%	81%	90%
Kennedy	49	94%	91%	92%	86%
Scalia	49	90%	87%	84%	81%
Kagan	25	88%	-	-	-
Thomas	49	88%	83%	81%	75%
Alito	49	88%	87%	81%	82%
Breyer	49	86%	78%	75%	79%
Sotomayor	48	83%	84%	-	-
Ginsburg	49	78%	80%	70%	75%

Divided Cases

Justice	Votes	Frequency in Majority	OT09	OTo8	OTo ₇
Roberts	24	92%	83%	72%	73%
Kennedy	24	88%	83%	89%	79%
Scalia	24	79%	76%	76%	65%
Kagan	14	79%	-	-	-
Thomas	24	75%	67%	72%	85%
Alito	24	75 %	76%	72%	75%
Breyer	24	71%	58%	62%	68%
Sotomayor	24	67%	69%	-	-
Ginsburg	24	54%	63%	55%	65%

Justice Agreement - All Cases

							O										
	Sca	alia	Ken	nedy	Tho	omas	Gin	sburg	Bre	eyer	A	lito	Soto	mayor	Ka	gan	Total
	35	71%	41	84%	33	67%	29	59%	31	63%	40	82%	33	69%	19	79%	
Roberts	39	80%	43	88%	36	73%	33	67%	37	76%	45	92%	35	73%	20	83%	49
Roberts	44	90%	44	90%	43		36	73%	40	82%	46	94%	38	79 %	20	83%	49
	5	10%	5	10%	6	12%	13	27%	9	18%	3	6%	10	21%	4	17%	
			32	65%	32	65%	22	45%	23	47%	29	59%	26	54%	13	54%	
	Sca	alia	38	78%	39	80%	29	59%	30	61%	36	73%	29	60%	16	67%	49
	500		41	84%	42	86%	35	71%	37	76%	41	84%	35	73%	19	79%	47
			8	16%	7	14%	14	29%	12	24%	8	16%	13	27%	5	21%	
					34	71%	27	55%	30	61%	36	73%	32	67%	16	67%	
			Ken	nedy	38	79%	31	63%	36	73%	40	82%	34	71%	17	71%	49
			псп	incus	43	90%	34	69%	38	78%	42	86%	36	<i>7</i> 5%	18	75 %	47
					5	10%	15	31%	11	22%	7	14%	12	25%	6	25%	
							21	43%	22	45%	29	59%	25	52%	14	58%	
					Tho	mas	27	55%	29	59%	37	76%	29	60%	15	63%	49
							35	71%	37	76%	43	88%	35	73%	17	71%	17
							14	29%	12	24%	6	12%	13	27%	7	29%	
									34	69%	26	53%	34	71%	20	83%	
							Gins	sburg	38	78%	30	61%	37	77%	21	88%	49
								_	41	84%	34	69%	41	85%	21	88%	
									8	16%	15	31%	7	15%	3	13%	
	TZ.										29	59%	39	81%	21	88%	
	K				1				Bre	eyer	33	67%	44	92%	23	96%	49
Λ	Fully	Agree 'ull or Pa									37	76%	45	94% 6%	24	100% 0%	
Agree in Fu	ś.			Inly							12	24%	3 28		0		
•		Judgm		Jiiiy										58% 65%	17 16	71% 67%	
Dis	agree in	dudgiii	CIIL								Al	ito	31	77%	17	71%	49
													37 11	23%	7	29%	
													11	23 /0	21	91%	
															22	96%	
													Soto	mayor	23	100%	48
															0	0%	
																0,0	

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Justice Agreement - Non-Unanimous Cases

						•											
	Sc	alia	Ken	nedy	Tho	omas	Gin	sburg	Br	eyer	A	lito	Soto	mayor	Ka	ıgan	Total
	14	58%	19	79%	13	54%	10	42%	9	38%	17	71%	12	50%	8	62%	
Roberts	17	71%	19	79%			11	46%	13	54%	21	88%	12	50%	9	69%	94
Roberts	19	79%	19	79%	18	75%	11	46%	15	63%	21	88%	14	58%	9	69%	24
	5	21%	5	21%	6	25%	13	54%	9	38%	3	13%	10	42%	4	31%	
			12	50%	11	46%	7	29%	5	21%	10	42%	8	33%	5	38%	
	Sca	alia	15	63%	16	67%	10	42%	9	38%	15	63%	8	33%	7	54%	24
	500		16	67%	17	71%	10	42 %	12	50 %	16	67%	11	46%	8	62%	-4
			8	33%	7	29%	14	58%	12	50%	8	33%	13	54%	5	38%	
					15	65%	8	33%	8	33%	14	58%	11	46%	6	46%	
			Ken	nedy	17	74%	9	38%	12	50%	17	71%	11	46%	7	54%	24
					18	78%	9	38%	13	54%	17	71%	12	50 %	7	54%	-4
					5	22%	15	63%	11	46%	7	29%	12	50%	6	46%	
							7	29%	5	21%	9	38%	7	29%	5	38%	
					Tho	mas	10	42%	10	42%	16	67%	9	38%	6	46%	24
					1110	iiius	10	42%	12	50%	18	75%	11	46%	6	46%	-4
							14	58%	12	50%	6	25%	13	54%	7	54%	
									12	50%	7	29%	15	63%	10	77%	
							Gins	sburg	15	63%	9	38%	15	63%	10	77%	24
									16	67%	9	38%	17	71%	10	77%	
									8	33%	15	63%	7	29%	3	23%	
											7	29%	17	71%	10	77%	
		ey							Bre	eyer	10	42%	20	83%	12	92%	24
		Agree								- •	12	50%	21	88%	13	100%	
	-	ull or Pa		` 1							12	50%	3	13%	0	0%	
Agree in Fu				Only									7	29%	6	46%	
Dis	sagree ir	ı Judgm	ent								Al	ito	9	38%	5	38%	24
													13	54%	6	46%	
													11	46%	7	54%	
															11	85%	
													Soto	mayor	12	92%	24
														-	13	100%	
															0	0%	

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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 OT10.

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	Abbott	252d
Shortest	Montana	90d

ОТо3	172d
ОТ04	167d
ОТо5	165d
ОТо6	131d
OTo ₇	134d
ОТо8	167d
OTo9	168d
OT10	153d

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

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

Days Between Oral Argument and Opinion

The following charts address the time it takes for the Court to release opinions following oral argument. The Court has released 45 signed opinions after argument during the current Term.

Argued	Avg.	Total	Remain
October	117d	12	-
November	130d	13	2
December	109d	12	1
January	90d	11	5
February	88d	10	5
March	58d	12	10
April	-	8	8
Overall	110d	78	31

Average	99d
Median	110d
St. Dev.	40d

Longest	Tohono O'odham	176d
Shortest	AT&T	41d

ОТоз	82d
ОТ04	91d
ОТо5	79d
ОТ06	96d
ОТ07	94d
ОТо8	94d
ОТо9	109d
OT10	110d

	Rank			Author	Vote	Argued	Opinion
Longest	1	Tohono O'odham	176d	Kennedy	7-1	Nov 1	Apr 26
	2*	Connick	174d	Thomas	5-4	Oct 6	Mar 29
	2*	Plata	174d	Kennedy	5-4	Nov 30	May 23
	4*	Sossamon	169d	Thomas	6-2	Nov 2	Apr 20
	4*	Concepcion	169d	Scalia	5-4	Nov 9	Apr 27
	4*	Whiting	169d	Roberts	5-3	Dec 8	May 26
	7	CIGNA	167d	Breyer	8-o	Nov 30	May 16
	8	Kasten	160d	Breyer	6-2	Oct 13	Mar 22
	9	Winn	152d	Kennedy	5-4	Nov 3	Apr 4
	10	Snyder	147d	Roberts	8-1	Oct 6	Mar 2

	Rank			Author	Vote	Argued	Opinion
Shortest	1	AT&T	41d	Roberts	8-0	Jan 19	Mar 1
	2	Abbott	42d	Ginsburg	8-0	Oct 4	Nov 15
	3	Chase	47d	Sotomayor	9-0	Dec 8	Jan 24
	4	Thompson	48d	Scalia	8-0	Dec 7	Jan 24
	5	LA County	56d	Breyer	8-0	Oct 5	Nov 30
Shortest	6	Fowler	58d	Breyer	7-2	Mar 29	May 26
	7	Mayo	64d	Roberts	8-0	Nov 8	Jan 11
	8	Astra	69d	Ginsburg	8-0	Jan 19	Mar 29
	9	Matrixx	71d	Sotomayor	9-0	Jan 10	Mar 22
	10	Schindler	76d	Thomas	5-3	Mar 1	May 16

	9-0 (25)	8-1 (8)	7-2 (9)	6-3 (1)	5-4 (6)
Average # Days	86d	117d	127d	145d	152d

^{*} These charts consider only signed opinions released following oral arguments.

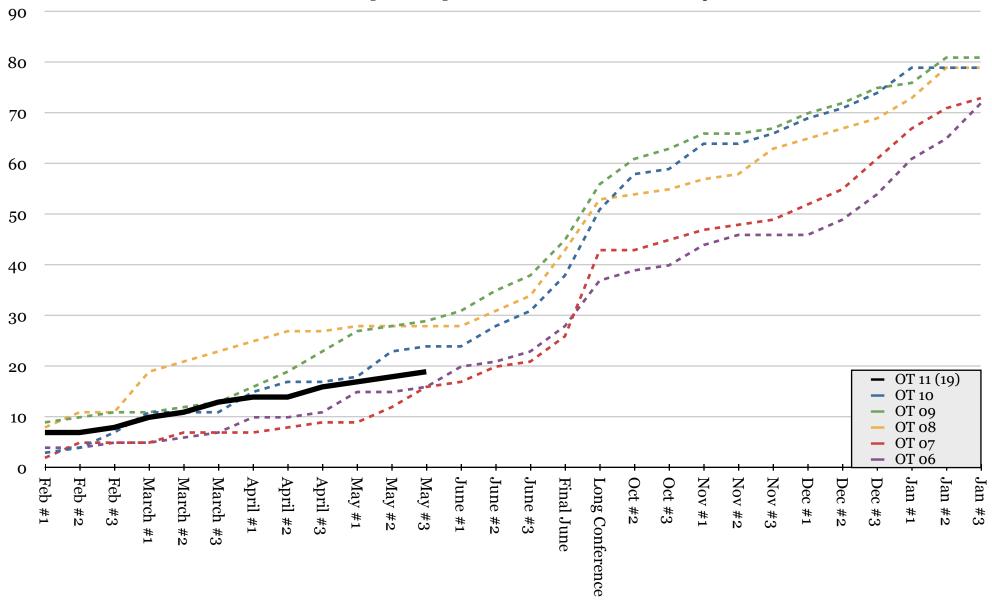
Term Index

This chart includes a summary of the cases for the term including (1) majority opinion author, (2) vote, (3) days between argument and opinion, (4) judgment, and (5) court below.

October Avg. November Avg. Dece	ember Avg.
Abbott RBG 8-0 42d A CA3 JGR 1 147d Tohono O'odham AMK 7-1 176d R CAFC JGR 1 64d Wall	SAA 9-0 98d A CA1 JGR 1 169d
Ransom EK 8-1 99d A CA9 AS 1 133d Ortiz RBG 9-0 84d R CA6 AS 2 144d Walker	r RBG 9-0 86d R CA9 AS 2 94d
LA County SGB 8-0 56d R CA9 AMK 2 99d Staub AS 8-0 119d R CA7 AMK 2 164d Plata	AMK 5-4 174d A USDC AMK 1 174d
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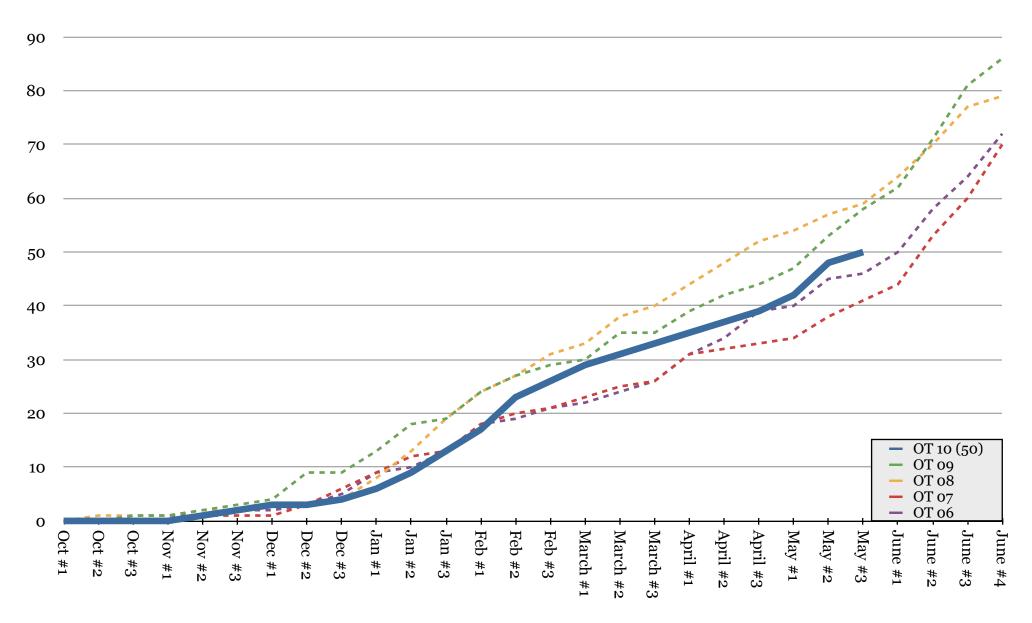
Pace of Grants

The following chart plots the pace at which the Court fills its merits docket for a given Term. Each date marker represents the conference within a given sitting. For instance, Feb #3 is the third February conference, which actually took place on March 4, 2011. Categorizing grants by their conference within a given sitting ensures more accurate cross-term comparisons.



Pace of Opinions

The following chart plots the pace at which the Court releases merit opinions throughout the Term, beginning in October and ending in June. This chart includes both opinions released after full briefing and summary reversals. Here, like in the Pace of Grants chart, cases are categorized by their release within a given sitting. For example, opinions for Feb. #3 were actually released on March 7, 2011.



Petitions to Watch

The following charts cover SCOTUSblog's Petitions to Watch feature. This feature monitors petitions raising issues that Tom has determined to have a reasonable chance of being granted, although we post them without consideration of whether they present appropriate vehicles in which to decide those issues.

Overall							
OT09 OT10 Total Percentage							
Granted	62	52	114	24.3%			
Denied	196	160	356	75.7%			
Pending	1	31	32				
Total Listed	259	243	502				

Percentage of paid merits cases which appeared as a	OT10	92% (61/66)
Petition to Watch prior to being granted	OT11	93%

Recent Conferences						
	Conference	Listed	Granted	Pending		
	November 23	17	6	-		
	December 3	7	5	1		
	December 10	8	3	2		
	January 7	18	3	1		
	January 14	10	1	1		
	January 21	5	0	-		
	February 18	18	3	3		
	February 25	8	2	1		
ОТ 40	March 4	13	0	3		
OT 10	March 18	7	1	-		
	March 25	4	0	3		
	April 1	3	1	1		
	April 15	7	1	-		
	April 22	3	2	-		
	April 29	4	1	-		
	May 12	11	1	1		
	May 19	6	1	4		
	May 26	6	0	3		

^{*} Cases are listed only for the first conference for which they are listed as a petition to watch. Cases listed due to representation by Goldstein, Howe & Russell are not included. Cases listed as OT09 petitions are those that were first listed as a petition to watch during the OT09 and the same applies to OT10 petitions. You can read more about the Petitions to Watch feature here: http://www.scotusblog.com/2010/11/tracking-petitions-on-scotusblog-4-0/.