

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 OT11.

Argued	Avg. Days
October	203d
November	185d
December	163d
January	143d
February	134d
March	123d
April	131d
Overall	160d

Average	160d
Median	155d
St. Dev.	46d

Longest	<i>Lafler</i>	297d
Shortest	<i>Perez</i>	31d

OT03	172d
OT04	167d
OT05	165d
OT06	131d
OT07	134d
OT08	167d
OT09	168d
OT10	153d
OT11	160d

	Rank		Days	Granted	Argued
Longest	1	<i>Lafler v. Cooper</i>	297d	Jan 7	Oct 31
	1	<i>Missouri v. Frye</i>	297d	Jan 7	Nov 1
	3	<i>Douglas v. Ind. Living Center</i>	258d	Jan 18	Oct 3
	4	<i>Howes v. Fields</i>	253d	Jan 24	Oct 4
	5	<i>Reynolds v. U.S.</i>	252d	Jan 24	Oct 3
	6	<i>Pacific Op. v. Valladolid</i>	231d	Feb 22	Mar 28
	7	<i>Rehberg v. Paulk</i>	225d	Mar 21	Nov 1
	8	<i>Golan v. Holder</i>	212d	Mar 7	Oct 5
	9	<i>Coleman v. Maryland</i>	198d	Jun 27	Jan 11
	10	<i>Maples v. Thomas</i>	197d	Mar 21	Oct 4

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Shortest	1	<i>Perry v. Perez</i>	31d	Dec 9	Nov 2
	2	<i>Salazar v. Ramah Navajo</i>	103d	Jan 6	Jan 9
	3	<i>Roberts v. Sea-Land</i>	106d	Sep 27	Oct 3
	4	<i>Reichle v. Howards</i>	107d	Dec 5	Mar 21
	4	<i>Armour v. Indianapolis</i>	107d	Nov 14	Feb 29
	6	<i>Southern Union v. U.S.</i>	112d	Nov 28	Mar 19
	6	<i>U.S. v. Home Concrete</i>	112d	Sep 27	Feb 21
	6	<i>Filarsky v. Delia</i>	112d	Sep 27	Jan 17
	9	<i>Holder v. Gutierrez</i>	113d	Sep 27	Mar 20
	9	<i>Vartelas v. Holder</i>	113d	Sep 27	Jan 18

* 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.