

Majority Opinion Distribution by Senior Justices - OT13

For each case decided with a merits opinion, the author of the majority opinion is selected by the most senior Justice who votes with the majority. For example, in *Abramski v. United States*, a 5-4 decision in which Justices Kennedy, Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomayor, and Kagan voted in the majority, Justice Kennedy (the most senior Justice in the majority) assigned authorship duties to Justice Kagan (the author of the majority opinion). The tables below demonstrate how the five most senior Justices on the Court assigned majority opinions during OT13 when they had the chance.

All Cases

	Roberts		Scalia		Kennedy		Thomas		Ginsburg		Breyer		Alito		Sotomayor		Kagan	
Roberts (59)	7	12%	8	14%	6	10%	7	12%	6	10%	6	10%	6	10%	8	14%	5	8%
	Scalia (3)		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%
	Kennedy (3)				2	67%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%
	Thomas (0)						0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	Ginsburg (0)								0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

Divided Cases

	Roberts		Scalia		Kennedy		Thomas		Ginsburg		Breyer		Alito		Sotomayor		Kagan	
Roberts (17)	2	12%	3	18%	3	18%	1	6%	2	12%	2	12%	1	6%	0	0%	3	18%
	Scalia (3)		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%
	Kennedy (3)				2	67%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%
	Thomas (0)						0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	Ginsburg (0)								0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

Majority Opinion Distribution by Senior Justice - OT10 through OT13

Like the tables on the previous page, the tables below show how each of the most senior Justices assigned majority opinion authorship duties when they were, in fact, the most senior Justice in the majority. Unlike the tables above, however, the information on this page covers OT10-OT13.

All Cases																		
Roberts (245)	Roberts		Scalia		Kennedy		Thomas		Ginsburg		Breyer		Alito		Sotomayor		Kagan	
	30	12%	30	12%	28	11%	29	12%	28	11%	23	9%	28	11%	24	10%	25	10%
	Scalia (11)		4	36%	0	0%	0	0%	2	18%	1	9%	0	0%	3	27%	1	9%
	Kennedy (19)				8	42%	0	0%	1	5%	5	26%	0	0%	2	11%	3	16%
	Thomas (2)						1	50%	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	Ginsburg (0)								0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

Divided Cases																		
Roberts (113)	Roberts		Scalia		Kennedy		Thomas		Ginsburg		Breyer		Alito		Sotomayor		Kagan	
	15	13%	11	10%	20	18%	13	12%	8	7%	12	11%	16	14%	8	7%	10	9%
	Scalia (9)		3	33%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	1	11%	0	0%	2	22%	1	11%
	Kennedy (19)				8	42%	0	0%	1	5%	5	26%	0	0%	2	11%	3	16%
	Thomas (2)						1	50%	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Ginsburg (0)									0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%