

## Oral Argument - Justices

For our purposes, 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. To account for the Chief Justice’s administrative comments – such as his call for an advocate to begin – his tally for each case has been uniformly reduced by three “questions.”

**Average Number of Questions  
Per Argument**

	Average
<b>Scalia</b>	22.0
<b>Sotomayor</b>	19.0
<b>Breyer</b>	17.5
<b>Roberts</b>	13.8
<b>Kagan</b>	12.7
<b>Ginsburg</b>	11.1
<b>Kennedy</b>	10.1
<b>Alito</b>	9.4
<b>Thomas</b>	0.0

**Frequency as the Top Questioner  
or as a Top 3 Questioner**

	Freq. Top 1	Freq. Top 3
<b>Scalia</b>	43%	62%
<b>Sotomayor</b>	26%	51%
<b>Breyer</b>	23%	42%
<b>Ginsburg</b>	4%	18%
<b>Kagan</b>	4%	13%
<b>Roberts</b>	3%	10%
<b>Kennedy</b>	3%	6%
<b>Alito</b>	1%	12%
<b>Thomas</b>	0%	0%

**Most Active Arguments**

	Argument	Number of Questions (% of all Questions)
<b>Roberts</b>	Michigan v. EPA	36 (18%)
<b>Scalia</b>	Michigan v. EPA	51 (25%)
<b>Kennedy</b>	Los Angeles v. Patel	32 (16%)
<b>Thomas</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Ginsburg</b>	Gelboim v. BoA	34 (17%)
<b>Breyer</b>	Bullard v. Blue Hills	41 (20%)
<b>Alito</b>	Obergefell v. Hodges	42 (21%)
<b>Sotomayor</b>	Obergefell v. Hodges	58 (29%)
<b>Kagan</b>	Obergefell v. Hodges	41 (20%)

**Frequency as the First Questioner**

	Frequency	
<b>Ginsburg</b>	20 /68	29%
<b>Sotomayor</b>	14 /68	21%
<b>Scalia</b>	12 /68	18%
<b>Kennedy</b>	11 /68	16%
<b>Roberts</b>	5 /68	7%
<b>Kagan</b>	4 /68	6%
<b>Alito</b>	2 /68	3%
<b>Thomas</b>	0 /68	0%
<b>Breyer</b>	0 /66	0%