

SUMMARY INFORMATION REGARDING THE TERM

Status of Cases

Granted but not argued	2	Argued but not decided	3	Decided	72
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Decided Cases: Method of Disposition

After argument and by signed opinion	68	After argument and without signed opinion	3	On the briefs	4
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Splits in Decided Cases

Unanimous	18	9-0	10	8-1 or 7-1	9
7-2 or 6-2	8	6-3	3	5-4	24*

Treatment of the Lower Court

Lower court reversed or vacated	53	Lower court affirmed	18	Lower court reversed or vacated in part and affirmed in part	2	Other	0
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OPINION AUTHORSHIP

Opinion Authorship: Total Number of Opinions

Roberts	11	Stevens	31	Scalia	24	Kennedy	15	Souter	17
Thomas	24	Ginsburg	14	Breyer	19	Alito	15		

Opinion Authorship: Majority Opinions (including Unanimous Opinions, excluding Pluralities)

Per Curiam	6	Roberts	5	Stevens	6	Scalia	8	Kennedy	8
Souter	7	Thomas	8	Ginsburg	7	Breyer	8	Alito	6

Opinion Authorship: Plurality or Plurality-Like Opinions

Per Curiam	0	Roberts	2	Stevens	1	Scalia	0	Kennedy	0
Souter	0	Thomas	0	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	0	Alito	1

Opinion Authorship: Concurring Opinions

Roberts	1	Stevens	10	Scalia	7	Kennedy	6	Souter	4
Thomas	8	Ginsburg	2	Breyer	4	Alito	4		

Opinion Authorship: Dissenting Opinions

Roberts	3	Stevens	14	Scalia	9	Kennedy	1	Souter	6
Thomas	8	Ginsburg	5	Breyer	7	Alito	4		

Opinion Authorship: Unanimous Majority Opinions

Per Curiam	2	Roberts	2	Stevens	1	Scalia	1	Kennedy	1
Souter	2	Thomas	2	Ginsburg	2	Breyer	2	Alito	3

DISSENTING VOTES

Dissenting Votes: Total Number

Roberts	8	Stevens	26	Scalia	15	Kennedy	2	Souter	17
Thomas	16	Ginsburg	20	Breyer	17	Alito	10		

Dissenting Votes: Number of Times the only Dissenter in a Case

Roberts	0	Stevens	3	Scalia	1	Kennedy	0	Souter	1
Thomas	4	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	0	Alito	0		

FIVE-TO-FOUR CASES

Number of cases (either entirely 5-4 or 5-4 on a major issue)	24*
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Five to Four Cases: Alignments		5-4 Cases:
Roberts, Scalia, Kennedy, Thomas, Alito	13	Belmontes, Lawrence, Carhart, Schiro, Ledbetter, Uttecht, Bowles, Morse, FEC v. Wisc. Right to Life, Hein, NAHB, Leegin Creative, Parents v. Seattle Schools
Stevens, Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, Breyer	6	Marrama, Mass v. EPA, Abdul-Kabir, Brewer, Smith, Panetti
Roberts, Kennedy, Souter, Breyer, Alito	2	PM v. Williams, James
Roberts, Scalia, Kennedy, Thomas, Breyer	1	Limtiaco
Stevens, Kennedy, Ginsburg, Breyer, Alito	1	Zuni
Kennedy, Souter, Ginsburg, Breyer, Alito	1	Watters v. Wachovia*

Five-to-Four Cases: Authorship of the Opinion									
Roberts	3	Stevens	4	Scalia	0	Kennedy	6	Souter	0
Thomas	4	Ginsburg	1	Breyer	2	Alito	4		

Five-to-Four Cases: Membership in the Majority									
Roberts	16	Stevens	7	Scalia	14	Kennedy	24	Souter	9
Thomas	14	Ginsburg	8	Breyer	11	Alito	17		

* *Watters v. Wachovia Bank, N.A.* is treated here as a 5-4 decision, though Justice Thomas was recused.

NOTES:

Pluralities: TSSAA, FEC v. Wisc. Right to Life, Hein, Parents v. Seattle Schools

Cases with Opinion(s) Concurring in Part and Dissenting in Part:

Counted as Concurrences: Gonzalez v. Duenas-Alvarez, Osborn v. Haley, Winkelman v. Parma City School Dist., Fry v. Pliier

Counted as Dissents: Limtiaco v. Camacho, Morse v. Frederick, Wilkie v. Robbins