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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to share the Supreme Court Institute's Annual Report for the 2024-2025 academic year, corresponding to the Supreme Court's October Term 2024.

SCI hosted a moot court for advocates in every case argued at the Court. In addition to moot courts, we held our annual press briefing and student term preview. During Reunion Weekend, we hosted a popular program highlighting some of the biggest cases on the Court's docket.

Many Georgetown Law students had an extraordinary learning experience seeing advocates prepare for arguments in a term loaded with high-profile cases of profound significance to the nation. In total, more than 1,520 students attended SCI moot courts, many as part of a class curriculum. SCI also employed five student research assistants to manage the conflict and confidentiality protocols of our moot courts.

SCI's annual reception honored former U.S. Solicitor General and distinguished practitioner Greg Garre. This year's event was also bittersweet because it was the last hosted by Dean & Executive Vice President Bill Treanor—a champion of our program.

Steve, Erica, Irv, Debbie & Maddie



SPECIAL DEDICATION TO DEAN BILL TREANOR

We dedicate the Supreme Court Institute's October Term 2024 programming to Dean Bill Treanor. Our accomplishments for the past 15 years would not have been possible without his leadership and support.

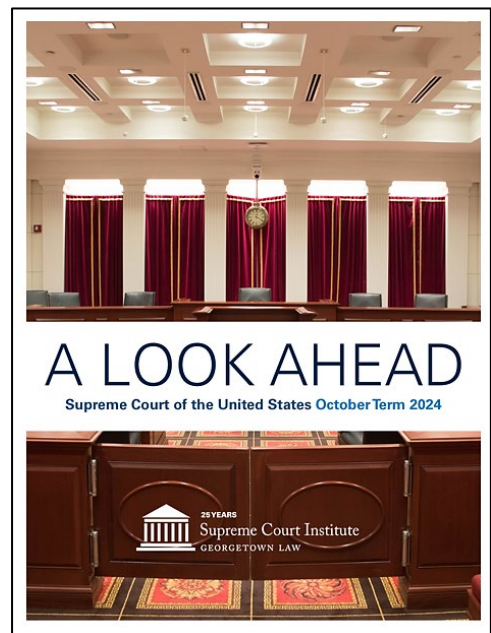
Thank you for all you've done to champion our work.

SUPREME COURT INSTITUTE TERM PREVIEW REPORT

The Supreme Court Institute (SCI) published its 18th annual Supreme Court Term Preview Report. This publication previewed the Court's merits docket for the October Term 2024 (OT 24). At the time of publication, the Court had accepted 28 cases for review.

Working with SCI Executive Director Professor Irv Gornstein, five summer research assistants prepared case summaries. The report included these summaries, organized by subject matter, and a section highlighting some of the most noteworthy in the upcoming term.

This publication is much anticipated by members of the Supreme Court Bar and the press as they prepare for the start of the new term. We share copies with the entire roster of SCI volunteers, members of the Supreme Court press corps, law school faculty and staff. Current and past reports are available on the [Institute's website](#).



SUPREME COURT INSTITUTE OT 24 MOOT COURT PROGRAM

During OT 24, SCI provided moot courts for advocates in 65 cases—all cases argued this term. As in past terms, the varied affiliations of advocates mooted reflects SCI's commitment to assist advocates without regard to the party represented or the position advanced.¹

To enhance our service to the Court and the Georgetown Law community, SCI offered moots to both sides, with mutual consent, in select cases that were of exceptional national importance. Through careful security and confidentiality practices, these “double moots” remain a successful expansion of our moot court program, offering more engagement opportunities to both advocates and students. This term, we held moot courts for both sides in nine of the Court's cases, including high-profile disputes involving public funding for religious charter schools, gender-affirming care for minors, a challenge by parents to a school requirement that their children participate in instruction that includes LGBTQ+ themes, and a suit by Mexico against American gun manufacturers. In addition, to further our mission to serve the Court, SCI continued its longstanding practice of hosting moot courts for Court-appointed amici with consent of petitioners. This term we held moots for petitioner and amicus in five cases.

A list of all SCI moot courts held in OT 24—organized by sitting and moot court date, including the name and affiliation of each advocate and the number of Georgetown observers—is included at the end of this report. Comparable figures from the past 9 terms, OT 13 through OT 23, are also included. Select facts and figures about SCI moot courts this term appears below.



From left, former U.S. Solicitors General Seth Waxman and Paul Clement (F'88), and Deepak Gupta (L' 02) talk to students after their moot courts.

¹ SCI Policies & Procedures provide that, in general, whichever side submits the first request to the SCI Director is offered a moot. If both sides request the moot within the first 48 hours following the grant, however, a coin flip decides who will get the moot: heads, the moot goes to petitioner; tails, the moot goes to respondent.

MOOT COURT STATISTICS

SCI mooted counsel for at least one side of every case on the Court’s OT 24 merits docket. In all, the Institute hosted 72 moot courts for 65 different advocates.² Moot court panels were comprised of 241 unique “justices” filling 355 seats, averaging a five-member panel for each moot court. SCI hosted moots for 25 first-time Supreme Court advocates, 38% of the advocates we mooted. At the other end of the experience spectrum, we held moot courts for four advocates who formerly served as Solicitor General or Acting Solicitor General of the United States: Seth Waxman, Paul Clement, Noel Francisco, and Greg Garre.

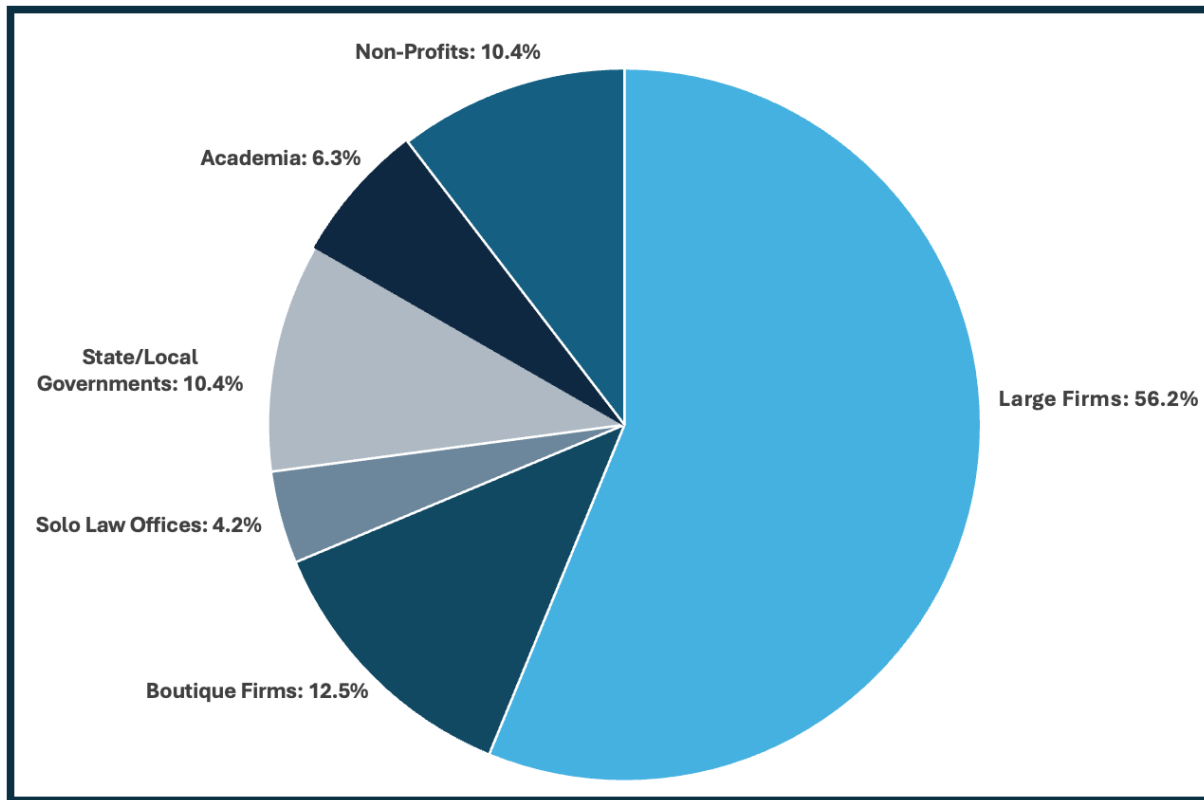


The varied affiliations of advocates mooted this term reflect SCI’s continued commitment to assist counsel regardless of the party they represent or the position they advance:

- We provided moots for **8 advocates** appearing on behalf of a **criminal defendant/habeas petitioner**.
- We provided **6 moot courts for 6 advocates** representing **4 states**: California, Louisiana, New Jersey, and Texas.
- We mooted advocates affiliated with:
 - **5 nonprofit organizations**: ACLU, Alliance Defending Freedom, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, Institute for Justice, and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.
 - **3 law schools**: Georgetown, Stanford, and University of Virginia.
 - **35 private law practices**:
 - 11 advocates affiliated with **8 small/boutique firms** (fewer than 100 attorneys).
 - 46 advocates affiliated with **27 large firms** (100 or more attorneys).

² The number of moot courts and unique advocates differs because SCI provided multiple moot courts for a several advocates this term, as well as single moot courts for a few pairs of advocates in cases that were consolidated or presented similar issues.

Advocates by Affiliation



More moots were held for advocates representing petitioners or appellants (42 moots or 58%) than those held for counsel representing respondents or appellees (25 moots or 35%). Five moots (7%) prepared advocates appointed by the Court to defend judgments below.

As in prior terms, the number and percentage of male advocates (we mooted 54 men, or 83% of all advocates) was significantly greater than female advocates (we mooted 11 women, or 17% of all advocates).³

In nine cases, we held two separate moots, either for both parties or one party, as well as a Court-appointed amicus.⁴

³ SCI does not ask advocates to disclose personal information, including gender identity; we apologize for any error made here. We normally moot only one side of a case, so the profile of our advocates does not reflect the full roster of arguing counsel. According to data aggregated by Empirical SCOTUS during the October Term 2024, among all advocates 75% were male and 25% were female. [Supreme Court Statpack October Term 2024-2025](#).

⁴ In OT 24, SCI mooted petitioner and respondent in *Glossip v. Oklahoma*; *United States v. Skrmetti*; *Riley v. Bondi*; *Mahmoud v. Taylor*; *Parrish v. United States*, *Martin v. United States*, *Oklahoma Charter School / St. Isidore v. Drummond*; *Hewitt/Duffey v. United States*; and *Smith & Wesson v. Estados Unidos Mexicanos*.

MOOT COURT PANELISTS

SCI is fortunate that many attorneys generously donate their time and expertise by serving as moot court justices. The SCI moot court program brings volunteers to the Georgetown Law campus from more than 100 organizations—and every term, these volunteers include several Georgetown Law graduates! We are especially grateful to the many members of the Georgetown Law faculty who serve on moot court panels—they make our program possible! This term, 88% of our moot court panels included at least one Georgetown Law professor.

Most-Frequent GULC Panelists

27 moots: Prof. Irv Gornstein

9 moots: Profs. Paul Smith and Marty Lederman

Most-Frequent External Panelists

8 moots: Jonathan Bond

4 moots: Doug Letter, Chris Michel



Volunteers participating in SCI Moot Courts

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Georgetown Law student attendance at SCI moot courts was robust. A total of 1,523 student observers attended this term's moots. Our moot in *Barnes v. Felix*, a Fourth Amendment case with two first year sections in attendance, was this term's most well-attended moot (313 observers). Other popular moots were *United States v. Skrmetti* (155 observers); *Royal Canin USA v. Wullschleger* (99 observers); *FCC / SHLB Coalition v. Consumers' Research* (82 observers); *Glossip v. Oklahoma* (for court-appointed amicus) (79 observers); and *Garland v. VanDerStok* (79 observers).

MOOT OBSERVERS

OT 2024: 1523 students (average 21 per moot)
OT 2023: 1700 students (average 27 per moot)
OT 2022: 1633 students (average 26 per moot)
OT 2021: 1384 students (average 22 per moot)
OT 2020: 1945 students (average 31 per moot)
OT 2019: 1114 students (average 19 per moot)
OT 2018: 1360 students (average 19 per moot)
OT 2017: 1421 students (average 23 per moot)
OT 2016: 1114 students (average 17 per moot)
OT 2015: 1330 students (average 20 per moot)
OT 2014: 1580 students (average 23 per moot)
OT 2013: 1485 students (average 22 per moot)

HIGHEST ATTENDED MOOTS

OT 2024: *Barnes v. Felix*, 313 observers
OT 2023: *United States v. Rahimi*, 213
OT 2022: *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, 244
OT 2021: *Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway*, 281
OT 2020: *Ford Motor Company v. Montana 8th Judicial District*, 471
OT 2019: *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*, 334
OT 2018: *Mitchell v. Wisconsin*, 223
OT 2017: *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, 289
OT 2016: *Pena-Rodriguez v. Colorado*, 250
OT 2015: *Utah v. Strieff*, 251
OT 2014: *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 199
OT 2013: *Walden v. Fiore*, 208

A highlight of SCI moots is the opportunity for students to ask advocates questions after the “official” proceeding. Students frequently ask insightful questions about the advocate’s litigation strategy or share their own insights about the strength or weakness of the advocate’s argument. Students also learn about the attorney’s path to arguing their case at the Court, their professional background, how they prepare for oral argument, and any advice they have for aspiring appellate advocates.

A Georgetown Law student “provided a great hypothetical that perfectly captured the difficult idea we were trying to get across, and I ended up using it at my argument at the Court.”

A student may even have helpful ideas to offer the advocate. In the fall, a first-year student, attending her first moot court, shared her perspective on one of the advocate’s arguments. She suggested an alternative example that could be used to support this point. The advocate thanked her and grabbed a pen and paper to write down her idea. After the oral argument, SCI Director Debbie Shrager received a very excited email from this student—she had listened to the Court argument, and **the advocate adopted her idea!** Later, the advocate shared: “[The student] provided a great hypothetical that perfectly captured the difficult idea we were trying to get

across, and I ended up using it at my argument at the Court. As I told her, we pressure-tested probably a dozen other options with partners at the firm, and everyone agreed hers was the best. So, the idea got to the Supreme Court on merit! It was really great to have a brilliant student think carefully about the problem and provide an idea that really helped advance our arguments.”

SCI Research Assistants

Student involvement in our program includes the opportunity to serve as a research assistant. Each term, Georgetown Law students are selected to work with SCI for the academic year. These students implement our conflict and confidentiality procedures—a responsibility that is essentially a year-long course in Supreme Court procedure, professional conflicts, and the contemporary Court. During the summer, SCI Executive Director Irv Gornstein also hires a team of four student research assistants to draft case summaries for our annual Term Preview.



From left: Rohan Yaradi (L'26), Andrew Choi (L'26), Ian Stapleton (L'26), Zenia Grzebin (L'25), Jordan Dyer (L'25), and SCI Assistant Director Maddie Sloat (L'27)

FACULTY PARTNERSHIPS



Professors Erica Hashimoto, Danny Wilf-Townsend, David Cole, and Stephanie Barclay participating in moot courts

SCI moot courts were integrated into the curriculum of many courses during the 2024-2025 academic year, including:

Professors Kevin Arlyck and David Vladeck's Civil Procedure classes attended the moot court for counsel for respondent, Ashley Keller, in *Royal Canin USA v. Wullschleger*, No. 23-677. The issue was whether a plaintiff whose state-court lawsuit has been removed by the defendants to federal court may seek to have the case sent back to state court by amending the complaint to omit all references to federal law.



Professor Allegra McLeod's Borders and Banishment Seminar attended the moot court for petitioner in *Bouarfa v. Mayorkas*, No. 23-583. The issue was whether a visa petitioner may obtain judicial review when an approved petition is revoked based on nondiscretionary criteria.

Professors Irv Gornstein and David Cole (Section 1) and Professors Christy Lopez and Jonah Perlin's (Section 3) classes attended the moot court for counsel for respondent in *Barnes v. Felix*, No. 23-1239. The issue was whether courts should apply the "moment of the threat" doctrine when evaluating an excessive force claim under the Fourth Amendment.

Professor Paul Butler's Criminal Law students attended the moot for petitioner in *Delligatti v. United States*, No. 23-825. The issue was whether a crime that requires proof of bodily injury or death, but which can be committed by failing to take action, must have as an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force.

Professors Paul Clement and Lisa Blatt's Separation of Powers Seminar students attended the moot court for petitioner (held for their professor, Paul Clement) in *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle County, Colorado*, No. 23-975. The issue was whether the National Environmental Policy Act requires an agency to study environmental impacts beyond the proximate effects of the action over which the agency has regulatory authority.

Professor Jeff Minnear's Water Law Seminar attended the moot court for petitioner in *San Francisco v. EPA*, No. 23-753. At issue was whether the Clean Water Act allows the EPA (or an authorized state) to impose generic prohibitions on certain permits that subject permit holders to enforcement for exceedances of water quality standards without identifying specific limits to which their discharges must conform.





Professor Christy Lopez’s Civil Rights: Section 1983 & Police Accountability seminar attended the moot for Brian Schmalzbach, counsel for respondent, in *Lackey v. Stinnie*, No. 23-621. The issue was whether a plaintiff who obtains a preliminary injunction is a “prevailing party” for purposes of receiving an award of attorney’s fees under Section 1983, when there is no final ruling on the merits of the plaintiff’s claim.

Professor Don Ayer’s Supreme Court seminar students attended the moot for petitioner in *Martin v. United States*, No. 24-362, a case involving a Georgia family whose home was mistakenly raided by an FBI SWAT team and brought a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act.



Regular Partnerships with Faculty

Several professors routinely incorporate SCI moot courts into their class curricula:

Appellate Courts Immersion Clinic (Professor Brian Wolfman)

Appellate Advocacy Clinic (Professor Erica Hashimoto)

Federal Practice Seminar: Contemporary Issues (Professor Irv Gornstein and Judge Nina Pillard)

Civil Rights Statutes and the Supreme Court Seminar (Professor Irv Gornstein and Judge Sri Srinivasan)

Constitutional Law (Professor Gornstein, Professor Cole)

Supreme Court Litigation Seminar (Professor Donald Ayer)

This year, these professors asked their students to attend the following moots. Many professors bringing their students to a moot also served as a moot court justice for that case.

***Williams v. Washington*, No. 23-191**

Whether exhaustion of state administrative remedies is required to bring claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 in state court.

NVIDIA Corp. v. E. Ohman J:Or Fonder AB, No. 23-970

What is the proper pleading standard to show knowledge or intent for Private Securities Litigation Reform Act claims that rely on internal company documents?

United States v. Skrmetti, No. 23-477

Whether Tennessee's law prohibiting gender-affirming care for minors violates the Equal Protection Clause.



Parrish v. United States, No. 24-275

Whether a litigant who files a notice of appeal after the ordinary appeal period under 28 U.S.C. § 2107(a)-(b) expires must file a second, duplicative notice after the appeal period is reopened under subsection (c) of the statute and Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 4.

Perttu v. Richards, No. 23-1324

Whether, in cases subject to the Prison Litigation Reform Act, prisoners have a right to a jury trial concerning their exhaustion of administrative remedies where disputed facts regarding exhaustion are intertwined with the underlying merits of their claim.

FCC / SHLB Coalition v. Consumers' Research, No. 24-354; 24-422

Whether Congress violated the nondelegation doctrine by authorizing the Federal Communications Commission to determine, within the limits set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 254, the amount that providers must contribute to the Universal Service Fund.

Ames v. Ohio Department of Youth Services, No. 23-1039

Does a plaintiff who belongs to a majority group need to demonstrate “background circumstances suggesting that the defendant is the unusual employer who discriminates against the majority” to establish a prima facie case of discrimination under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964?

Nuclear Regulatory Commission / Interim Storage Limited v. Texas, No. 23-1300; 23-1312

Can a nonparty challenge a federal agency’s “final order” under the Hobbs Act’s judicial review provision; and (2) do federal nuclear laws allow the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to license private companies to store spent nuclear fuel at off-reactor sites?

“The Supreme Court Institute is . . . one of the primary factors that attracted me to Georgetown . . . The opportunity to watch some of the best lawyers in the world practice before going before the Supreme Court is amazing!”

***- Incoming Student, L'28,
Email to SCI Director Shrager***



A.J.T. v. Osseo Area Schools, No. 24-249

Whether the Americans with Disabilities Act and Rehabilitation Act of 1973 require children with disabilities to satisfy a uniquely stringent "bad faith or gross misjudgment" standard when seeking relief for discrimination relating to their education.



From left, Professors Gornstein, Lopez and Lederman serve as moot justices for *Barnes v. Felix*, observed by students in Hart Auditorium

OTHER MOOT COURT OBSERVERS

To further our academic mission and support the teaching of our volunteers and advocates, SCI permits students not enrolled at Georgetown Law to attend a moot court with their professors, by prior arrangement with the advocate.⁵

This term, SCI hosted students in two Supreme Court litigation clinics:

University of Virginia Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. Clinic students attended the February moot court for petitioner in *Cunningham v. Cornell University*, No. 23-1007, held on behalf of their professor, Xiao Wang.

West Virginia University Supreme Court Clinic. Clinic students virtually attended the April moot court for respondent in *Catholic Charities v. Wisconsin Labor & Industry Commission*, No. 24-154.

In February, participants in the **Supreme Court Fellows Program** attended our moot court for respondent in *Smith & Wesson v. Estados Unidos Mexicanos*, No. 23-1141. Fellows in this program serve for one year in one of four different placements: at the Supreme Court of the United States, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the Federal Judicial Center, and the U.S. Sentencing Commission. The program also includes special activities that are part of the year-long experience, including for the last several years, attendance at an SCI moot court.

⁵ SCI moots are generally open only to students currently enrolled at Georgetown Law.

COMMENTS AND THANK YOUS

“ My very great thanks... for providing us with this opportunity. The Institute provides a terrific service to the advocates and to the Court.
- **Mitchell Berger, Squire Patton Boggs**

Thank you so much again for hosting the moot today – it was quite a workout and exactly what I needed at the right time.
- **Cate Stetson, Hogan Lovells**”

“ The SCI moot is always invaluable, and this was no exception. Thank you for your help as always.
- **Allon Kedem, Arnold & Porter**

Please pass on my thanks to everyone, both behind the scenes and up front. I appreciate the time and effort you put in to make this a valuable exercise.
- **Chris Grostic, Federal Defenders**”

“ Thank you for the tremendous moot. Very, very grateful for y'all's help!
- **Matt Rice, Solicitor General of Tennessee**

Thanks for putting together such a strong and thoughtful panel. That was a helpful moot in a tough case.
- **Shay Dvoretzky, Skadden**”

“ I am writing to once again express my gratitude for your work in putting on the moot for me. It certainly helped me prepare for what turned out to be some tough questioning at the court. Thank you!
- **Pete Patterson, Cooper Kirk**

Thank you again for organizing the moot! The questioning and feedback was incredibly useful—it left me much better prepared for the real thing.
- **Gerard Cedrone, Goodwin Procter**”

“ I owe so much to the Institute for preparing me well. As is often the case, in some ways being at Georgetown and doing the dress rehearsal was harder than the real thing.
- **Xiao Wang, University of Virginia**

SCI PROGRAMMING

TERM PREVIEW EVENTS

Each term, the Supreme Court Institute hosts three programs highlighting important cases on the Court's docket. These programs are hosted in partnership with the Office of Communications, Student Chapters of the Federalist Society and American Constitution Society, and the Office of Alumni Affairs.

Annual SCI Press Term Preview, September 24, 2024

SCI held its annual press briefing covering some of the most significant cases to be considered in OT 24. The panel was moderated by Professor Gornstein, and panelists included Erin Murphy (L'06) (Clement & Murphy), Professor Cole, Roman Martinez (Latham & Watkins), and Deepak Gupta (L'02) (Gupta Wessler). The discussion included a question-and-answer session with members of the Supreme Court press. A video of this and past press briefings may be accessed on the [SCI Website](#).



Annual SCI Student Term Preview, September 25, 2024

Professor Gornstein (pictured far right) moderated this year's student preview. The panelists were, from left, SCI Director Debbie Shrager, and Professors Michele Goodwin and Marty Lederman. This annual event is co-sponsored by the Georgetown Law chapters of the American Constitution Society and the Federalist Society.





Students attend SCI Student Term Preview

SCI Annual Alumni Term Highlights Program, October 25, 2024

SCI hosted its annual Supreme Court preview during Georgetown Law's Reunion Weekend. **We had a packed house!** Panelists included Professors Michele Goodwin and Marty Lederman, and SCI Director Debbie Shrager. SCI Executive Director Professor Irv Gornstein served as moderator.



FOREIGN JUDGES AND LAWYERS

SCI staff regularly welcome foreign visitors to our moot courtroom. In recent years we have hosted delegations from India, Peru, Shri Lanka, Slovenia, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom. Our program is known internationally because of these distinguished guests.

United Kingdom

The Supreme Court Institute has a longstanding partnership with the American Inns of Court. Each year, SCI hosts guests from the United Kingdom, including groups of barristers (at right) and Supreme Court Judicial Assistants (JAs) (pictured below). The JA delegation was led by Judge Thomas L. Ambro, a senior judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and Judge Loren AliKhan (L'06), U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. SCI staff met with these groups to discuss the Institute's moot court program and American Supreme Court practice.



India

We were honored to host a visit by Uday Umesh Lalit, who previously served as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India. SCI Director Shrager invited members of the South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA) to participate in this visit. Justice Lalit was welcomed by Dean Treanor and SALSA leaders, who gave Justice Lalit and his wife campus tour. SCI Research Assistants and SALSA members attended a delightful discussion with the Justice in the SCI Moot Courtroom.



Justice Lalit and Georgetown Law Students

Ukraine

SCI welcomed a Ukrainian delegation (pictured below), which included 12 judges, seven who are justices of the Supreme Court of Ukraine. The visit was arranged with Georgii Grygorian (LL.M. '23) and was in partnership with the International Cultural and Educational Association.



In July, SCI Director Shrager taught a remote seminar for Ukrainian lawyers. She discussed the U.S. judicial system, Supreme Court practice, and the Supreme Court Institute's moot court program. The program was held in partnership with Lecturer of Legal English Stephen Horowitz, who has been organizing events to support Ukrainian law schools, law faculty, and law students as their legal system is shifting to using English.

END OF TERM RECEPTION



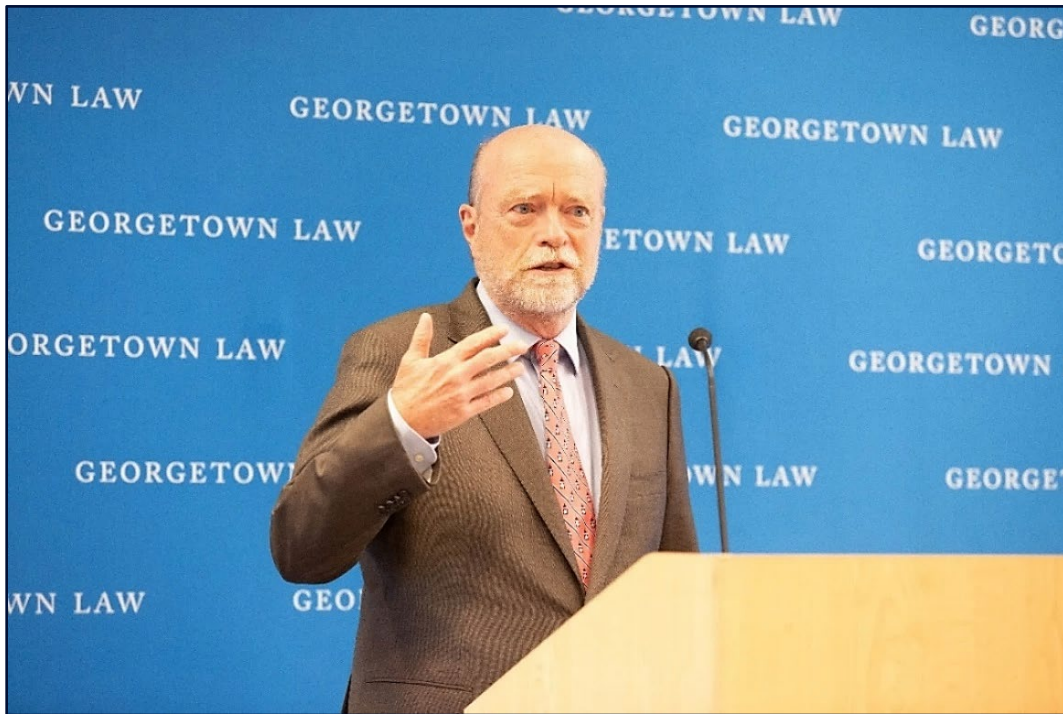
The Supreme Court Institute’s annual celebration marks the completion of Supreme Court arguments for the current term. The event is held to thank those who volunteered as moot court justices and participated in other SCI programs, and to recognize an honoree who has contributed significantly to the work of the Supreme Court. Since 2000, it has been a “must attend” annual gathering for many members of the legal community.



SCI OT 24 Honoree Greg Garre

This year’s honoree was Greg Garre, a partner at Latham & Watkins who is consistently recognized as one of the nation’s premier Supreme Court and appellate advocates. Greg served as the 44th Solicitor General of the United States and, this term, Greg made his 50th Supreme Court argument. Lisa Blatt, a Georgetown Law adjunct professor and partner at Williams & Conolly, gave remarks about Greg’s exceptional contributions.

We also honored Dean Treanor for his invaluable support for the Supreme Court Institute and for graciously serving as the host of the Institute's annual receptions. Former Solicitor General of the United States and Supreme Court Institute Senior Fellow Paul Clement spoke about the Dean's critical role in the growth and excellence of the Institute during his deanary.



Dean Treanor welcomes guests at SCI's OT 24 reception

APPENDIX A⁶

October Sitting

Williams v. Washington

No. 23-191

Advocate: Adam Unikowsky, Jenner & Block

Georgetown Observers: 61

Class: Federal Practice Seminar
(Gornstein/Pillard)

Glossip v. Oklahoma (P)

No. 22-7466

Advocates: Seth Waxman, WilmerHale, and
Paul Clement, Clement & Murphy

Georgetown Observers: 26

Class: Death Penalty Practicum (Sloan)

Lackey v. Stinnie

No. 23-621

Advocate: Brian Schmalzbach, McGuireWoods

Georgetown Observers: 52

Class: Civil Rights: Section 1983 Seminar
(Lopez); Appellate Immersion Clinic (Wolfman)

Glossip v. Oklahoma (Amicus)

No. 22-7466

Advocate: Chris Michel, Quinn Emanuel

Georgetown Observers: 79

Class: Constitutional Law I (Gornstein)

Royal Canin USA v. Wulschleger

No. 23-677

Advocate: Ashley Keller, Keller Postman

Georgetown Observers: 99

Class: Civil Procedure (D. Vladeck; Arlyck);
Federal Courts (S. Vladeck)

Garland v. VanDerStok

No. 23-852

Advocate: Pete Patterson, Cooper Kirk

Georgetown Observers: 74

Medical Marijuana v. Horn

No. 23-365

Advocate: Lisa Blatt, Williams & Connolly

Georgetown Observers: 24

Bufkin v. McDonough

No. 23-713

Advocate: Mel Bufkin, Orrick Sutcliffe

Georgetown Observers: 7

San Francisco v. EPA

No. 23-753

Advocate: Tara Steeley, San Francisco

Georgetown Observers: 27

Class: Water Law (Minear)

Bouarfa v. Mayorkas

No. 23-583

Advocate: Samir Deger-Sen, Latham & Watkins

Georgetown Observers: 19

Class: Borders and Banishment Seminar
(McLeod)

⁶ Party mooted in blue; first time SCOTUS advocates in green; female advocates in red.

November Sitting

EMD Sales v. *Carrera*

No. 23-217

Advocate: Lisa Blatt, Williams & Connolly

Georgetown Observers: 9

Advocate Christ Medical Center v. *Becerra*

No. 23-715

Advocate: Melissa Sherry, Latham & Watkins

Georgetown Observers: 3

Wisconsin Bell, Inc. v. *U.S., ex rel. Heath*

No. 23-1127

Advocate: Allyson Ho, Gibson Dunn

Georgetown Observers: 9

Facebook, Inc. v. *Amalgamated Bank*

No. 23-980

Advocate: Kannon Shanmugam, Paul Weiss

Georgetown Observers: 28

Velazquez v. *Garland*

No. 23-929

Advocate: Gerard Cedrone, Goodwin

Georgetown Observers: 0

NVIDIA Corp. v. **E. Ohman J:Or Fonder AB**

No. 23-970

Advocate: Deepak Gupta, Gupta Wessler

Georgetown Observers: 24

Class: Federal Practice Seminar

(Gornstein/Pillard)

Delligatti v. *United States*

No. 23-825

Advocate: Allon Kedem, Arnold & Porter

Georgetown Observers: 32

Class: Criminal Law (Butler)

December Sitting

*FDA v. **Wages and White Lion, et al***

No. 23-1038

Advocate: **Eric Heyer**, Thompson Hein

Georgetown Observers: 1

United States** v. **Skrmetti

No. 23-477

Advocate: **Chase Strangio**, ACLU

Georgetown Observers: 155

Class: Federal Practice Seminar (Gornstein);
Constitutional Law I (Gornstein); Constitutional
Law II (Cole)

*United States v. **Miller***

No. 23-824

Advocate: **Lisa Blatt**, Williams & Connolly

Georgetown Observers: 4

*Republic of Hungary v. **Simon***

No. 23-867

Advocate: Shay Dvoretzky, Skadden

Georgetown Observers: 5

***Feliciano** v. *Department of Transportation**

No. 23-861

Advocate: Andrew Tutt, Arnold & Porter

Georgetown Observers: 1

***Dewberry Group** v. *Dewberry Engineers**

No. 22-900

Advocate: Tom Hungar, Gibson Dunn

Georgetown Observers: 0

***Seven County Infra. Coalition** v. *Eagle County**

No. 23-975

Advocate: Paul Clement, Clement & Murphy

Georgetown Observers: 17

Class: Separation of Powers Seminar
(Blatt/Clement)

***Kousisis** v. *United States**

No. 23-909

Advocate: Jeff Fisher, Stanford

Georgetown Observers: 4

*United States v. **Skrmetti***

No. 23-477

Advocate: **Matt Rice**, Tennessee Solicitor
General

Georgetown Observers: 0

January Sitting

TikTok/Firebaugh v. Garland

No. 24-656; 24-657

Advocates: Noel Francisco, Jones Day; Jeff Fisher, O'Melveny & Myers

Georgetown Observers: 0

Hewitt / Duffey v. United States

No. 23-1002; 23-1150

Advocate: Michael Kimberly, McDermott

Georgetown Observers: 4

Hewitt / Duffey v. United States (Amicus)

No. 23-1002; 23-1150

Advocate: Michael McGinley, Dechert

Georgetown Observers: 2

Stanley v. City of Sanford

No. 23-997

Advocate: Jessica Conner, Dean Ringers

Georgetown Observers: 2

Waetzig v. Halliburton Energy Services

No. 23-971

Advocate: Vincent Levy, Holwell Shuster

Georgetown Observers: 1

Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton

No. 23-1122

Advocate: Aaron Nielson, Texas Solicitor General

Georgetown Observers: 34

Class: Technology and Society Impact Lab (Ohm)

Thompson v. United States

No. 23-1095

Advocate: Chris Gair, Gair Gallo

Georgetown Observers: 4

FDA v. RJ Reynolds Vapor Company

No. 23-1187

Advocate: Ryan Watson, Jones Day

Georgetown Observers: 1

McLaughlin Chiropractic v. McKesson Corp.

No. 23-1226

Advocates: Joseph Palmore, Morrison Foerster

Georgetown Observers: 1

Cunningham v. Cornell University

No. 23-1007

Advocate: Xiao Wang, University of Virginia Law

Georgetown Observers: 2

Barnes v. Felix

No. 23-1239

Advocate: Luke McCloud, Williams & Connolly

Georgetown Observers: 313

Classes: Criminal Justice (Gornstein, Cole);
Section 1; Section 3

February Sitting

Esteras v. United States

No. 23-7483

Advocates: Chris Grostic, Ohio Office of the Federal Defenders

Georgetown Observers: 1

Perttu v. Richards

No. 23-1324

Advocate: Lori Alvino McGill, University of Virginia Law

Georgetown Observers: 16

Class: Appellate Immersion Clinic (Wolfman)

Gutierrez v. Saenz

No. 23-7809

Advocate: William Cole, Texas Deputy Solicitor General

Georgetown Observers: 11

Ames v. Ohio Department of Youth Services

No. 23A349

Advocate: Xiao Wang, University of Virginia Law

Georgetown Observers: 29

Class: Civil Rights and Supreme Court Seminar (Gornstein/Srinivasan)

BLOM Bank Sal v. Honickman

No. 23-1259

Advocates: Michael McGinley, Dechert

Georgetown Observers: 1

CC / Devas Ltd. v. Antrix Corp. Ltd.

No. 23-1201; 24-17

Advocates: Matthew McGill, Gibson Dunn;

Aaron Streett, Baker Botts

Georgetown Observers: 11

Smith & Wesson v. Estados Unidos Mexicanos

No. 23-1141

Advocate: Cate Stetson, Hogan Lovells

Georgetown Observers: 33

Smith & Wesson v. Estados Unidos Mexicanos

No. 23-1141

Advocate: Noel Francisco, Jones Day

Georgetown Observers: 8

Nuclear Regulatory Commission / Interim Storage Ltd. v. Texas

No. 23-1300; 23-1312

Advocate: Brad Fagg, Morgan Lewis

Georgetown Observers: 21

Class: Supreme Court Seminar (Ayer)

March Sitting

Riley v. Bondi

No. 23-1270

Advocate: Keith Bradley, Squire Patton Boggs

Georgetown Observers: 0

Louisiana v. Callais

No. 24-109

Advocate: Ben Aguiñaga, Louisiana Solicitor General

Georgetown Observers: 5

Robinson v. Callais

No. 24-110

Advocate: Stuart Naifeh, NAACP LDF

Georgetown Observers: 3

Riley v. Bondi (Amicus)

No. 23-1270

Advocate: Stephen Hammer, Gibson Dunn

Georgetown Observers: 4

Oklahoma / PacifiCorp v. EPA

No. 23-1067; 23-1068

Advocates: Mithun Mansinghani, Lehotsky; Misha Tseytlin, Troutman Pepper

Georgetown Observers: 2

EPA v. Calumet Shreveport Refining LLC

No. 23-1229

Advocate: Michael Huston, Perkins Coie

Georgetown Observers: 5

Federal Communications Commission / SHLB Coalition v. Consumers' Research

No. 24-354; 24-422

Advocates: Paul Clement, Clement & Murphy
Georgetown Observers: 82

Classes: Supreme Court Seminar (Ayer);
Constitutional Law I (Lederman)

Catholic Charities v. Wisconsin L&I Commission

No. 24-154

Advocate: Eric Rassbach, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

Georgetown Observers: 23

Rivers v. Guerrero

No. 23-1345

Advocate: Peter Bruland, Sidley Austin

Georgetown Observers: 3

Fuld / United States v. Palestine Liberation Organization

No. 24-20; 24-151

Advocate: Mitchell Berger, Squire Patton Boggs
Georgetown Observers: 17

Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic

No. 23-1275

Advocate: John Bursch, Alliance Defending Freedom

Georgetown Observers: 0

April Sitting

Mahmoud v. Taylor

No. 24-297

Advocate: Eric Baxter, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

Georgetown Observers: 12

Parrish v. United States

No. 24-275

Advocate: Amanda Rice, Jones Day

Georgetown Observers: 1

Parrish v. United States (Amicus)

No. 24-275

Advocate: Michael Huston, Perkins Coie

Georgetown Observers: 1

IRS Commissioner v. Zuch

No. 24-416

Advocate: Shay Dvoretzky, Skadden

Georgetown Observers: 1

Kennedy v. Braidwood Management, Inc.

No. 24-316

Advocate: Jonathan Mitchell, solo

Georgetown Observers: 3

Mahmoud v. Taylor

No. 23-297

Advocate: Alan Schoenfeld, WilmerHale

Georgetown Observers: 18

Diamond Alternative Energy v. EPA (State Respondents)

No. 24-7

Advocate: Joshua Klein, California Deputy Solicitor General

Georgetown Observers: 2

A.J.T. v. Osseo Area Schools

No. 24-249

Advocate: Lisa Blatt, Williams & Connolly

Georgetown Observers: 24

Class: Civil Rights and Supreme Court Seminar (Gornstein/Srinivasan)

Laboratory Corp. of America v. Davis

No. 24-304

Advocate: Deepak Gupta, Gupta Wessler

Georgetown Observers: 3

Oklahoma Charter School Board / St. Isidore v. Drummond

No. 24-394; 24-396

Advocates: Jim Campbell, Alliance Defending Freedom; Michael McGinley, Dechert

Georgetown Observers: 6

Soto v. United States

No. 24-320

Advocate: Tacy Flint, Sidley Austin

Georgetown Observers: 1

Martin v. United States (Amicus)

No. 24-362

Advocate: Christopher Mills, Spero Law

Georgetown Observers: 1

OK Charter / St. Isidore v. Drummond

No. 24-394; 24-396

Advocate: Greg Garre, Latham & Watkins

Georgetown Observers: 5

Martin v. United States

No. 24-320

Advocate: Patrick Jaicomo, Institute for Justice

Georgetown Observers: 14

Class: Supreme Court Seminar (Ayer)

May Sitting

Trump v. CASA, et al

No. 24A884-886

Advocates: **Kelsi Corkran**, ICAP;

Jeremy Feigenbaum, New Jersey Solicitor General

Georgetown Observers: 12

APPENDIX B: MOOT COURT STATISTICS

Term	Percent of Args. Mooted	Arguments Mooted	Total Moots ⁷	Moots for Petitioner	Moots for Respondent	Moots for Amicus
OT 24	100%	65/65	72	42 (58%)	25 (35%)	5 (7%)
OT 23	100%	60/60	64	34 (53%)	29 (45%)	1 (2%)
OT 22	98%	58/59	62	36 (58%)	25 (40%)	1 (2%)
OT 21	100%	61/61	64	32 (50%)	31 (48%)	1 (2%)
OT 20	98%	57/58	62	35 (57%)	25 (40%)	2 (3%)
OT 19	100%	57/57	59	38 (64%)	19 (32%)	2 (4%)
OT 18	99%	70/71	72	37 (51%)	33 (46%)	2 (3%)
OT 17	98%	62/63	63	41 (65%)	21 (33%)	1 (2%)
OT 16	100%	64/64	65	37 (60%)	28 (40%)	0 (-)
OT 15	97%	67/69	68	45 (66%)	22 (32%)	1 (2%)
OT 14	100%	69/69	69	43 (62%)	26 (38%)	0 (-)
OT 13	96%	67/70	67	43 (64%)	24 (36%)	0 (-)

Term	Justice Seats Filled	Total Justices	Female Justices ⁸	Male Justices	Panels with Female Justice(s)
OT 24	355	244	93 (26%)	262 (74%)	98.6%
OT 23	318	222	81 (25%)	237 (75%)	98.4%
OT 22	303	209	87 (29%)	216 (71%)	98.4%
OT 21	319	210	84 (26%)	235 (74%)	98.4%
OT 20	314	190	81 (26%)	233 (74%)	98.4%

⁷ In OT 24, SCI held two moot courts, one for each side, in nine cases: *Glossip v. Oklahoma*; *Hewitt/Duffey v. United States*; *Mahmoud v. Taylor*; *Martin v. United States, Oklahoma Charter School / St. Isidore v. Drummond*; *Parrish v. United States*; *Riley v. Bondi*; *Smith & Wesson v. Estados Unidos Mexicanos*, and *United States v. Skrmetti*.

⁸ SCI began tracking statistics regarding the gender makeup of our panels and justices in OT 18.

OT 19	295	195	91 (31%)	204 (69%)	98.3%
OT 18	359	241	95 (26%)	264 (74%)	94.4%
OT 17	309	224	-	-	-
OT 16	318	237	-	-	-
OT 15	337	234	-	-	-
OT 14	340	232	-	-	-
OT 13	334	228	-	-	-

Term	Advocates Mooted	Female Advocates	Male Advocates	First-Time Advocates	Former U.S. Solicitors General ⁹	Criminal/Habeas Advocates ¹⁰
OT 24	65	11 (17%)	54 (83%)	25 (38%)	4	8
OT 23	57	13 (23%)	44 (77%)	22 (38%)	3	10
OT 22	61	9 (15%)	52 (85%)	22 (36%)	4	10
OT 21	60	19 (32%)	41 (68%)	27 (45%)	5	14
OT 20	55	11 (20%)	44 (80%)	30 (55%)	5	7
OT 19	53	5 (12%)	48 (88%)	22 (42%)	4	9
OT 18	66	15 (23%)	51 (77%)	34 (52%)	5	15
OT 17	57	9 (16%)	48 (84%)	28 (49%)	3	14
OT 16	52	9 (17%)	43 (83%)	17 (33%)	2	17
OT 15	59	5 (8%)	54 (92%)	21 (36%)	2	17
OT 14	60	10 (17%)	50 (83%)	32 (53%)	2	10
OT 13	54	5 (9%)	49 (91%)	25 (46%)	4	15

Term	Advocates With Multiple Moots
OT 24	L. Blatt (4); P. Clement (3); M. McGinley (3); S. Dvoretzky (2); D. Gupta (2); M. Huston (2); X. Wang (2)
OT 23	E. Anand (3); L. Blatt (3); P. Clement (2); K. Corkran (2); S. Dvoretzky (2); J. Ellsworth (2); J. Fisher (2); K. Shanmugam (2)
OT 22	S. Dvoretzky (3); N. Katyal (3); J. Stone (3); L. Blatt (2); J. Lamken (2); E. Schnapper (2)

⁹ In OT 24, SCI provided moots for the following former United States SGs or Acting SGs: Paul Clement, Noel Francisco, Greg Garre, and Seth Waxman. Since 2012, SCI has also provided moots for former SGs/Acting SGs Neal Katyal, Ian Gershengorn, Barbara Underwood, and Don Verrilli.

¹⁰ In OT 24, SCI mooted the following advocates representing criminal defendants or habeas petitioners: Seth Waxman (*Glossip v. Oklahoma*); Allon Kedem (*Delligatti v. United States*); Jeff Fisher (*Kousisis v. United States*); Michael Kimberly (*Hewitt/Duffey v. United States*); Chris Gair (*Thompson v. United States*); Keith Bradley (*Riley v. Bondi*); Peter Bruland (*Rivers v. Guerrero*); and Amanda Rice (*Parrish v. United States*).

OT 21	J. Stone (3); D. Frederick (3); B. Flowers (2); M. Kimberly (2); D. Geyser (2); K. Shanmugam (2); P. Clement (2)
OT 20	K. Shanmugam (4); J. Fisher (3); P. Clement (2); D. Geyser (2); S. Harris (2); N. Katyal (2); M. Mongan (2); D. Zimmer (2)
OT 19	P. Clement (4); L. Blatt (3); B. Burgess (2); T. Crouse (2); P. Hughes (2); R. Martinez (2)
OT 18	K. Shanmugam (4); J. Fisher (3); S. Dvoretzky (2); D. Frederick (2); T. Heytens (2)
OT 17	P. Clement (4); D. Geyser (3); J. Fisher (2); N. Katyal (2); E. Murphy (2); J. Rosenkranz (2); F. Yarger (2)
OT 16	N. Katyal (5); S. Waxman (4); J. Bursch (2); S. Dvoretzky (2); M. Elias (2); J. Fisher (2); C. Landau (2); J. Rosenkranz (2); A. Unikowsky (2)
OT 15	P. Clement (4); T. Goldstein (3); P. Smith (3); N. Katyal (2); J. Green (2); D. Frederick (2); C. Landau (2); N. Francisco (2)
OT 14	S. Waxman (4); T. Goldstein (3); N. Katyal (2); J. Fisher (2); E. Schnapper (2); J. Elwood (2)
OT 13	P. Clement (4); S. Waxman (4); J. Bursch (3); K. Russell (3); J. Fisher (2); N. Katyal (2); E. Schnapper (2)

Term	Large Firms Mooted ¹¹	Boutique Firms ¹²	Solo Law Offices	Non-Profit Organizations ¹³	State/Local/Foreign Govt. ¹⁴	Law Schools/Academia ¹⁵
OT 24	27	6	2	5	5	3
OT 23	21	9	3	5	10	2
OT 22	22	8	0	5	9	3
OT 21	23	8	1	6	13	1
OT 20	17	11	1	7	4	5
OT 19	17	5	1	5	8	2

¹¹ Firms with more than 100 attorneys. In OT 24, SCI mooted attorneys from the following large firms: Arnold & Porter (2 moots); Baker Botts; Cooper Kirk; Dechert (3 moots); Goodwin Procter; Gibson Dunn & Crutcher (4 moots); Hogan Lovells; Jenner & Block; Jones Day (4 moots); Keller Postman; Latham & Watkins (3 moots); McDermott, Will & Emery; McGuireWoods; Morrison Foerster; Morgan Lewis; O'Melveny & Myers; Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe; Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison; Perkins Coie (2 moots); Quinn Emanuel; Sidley Austin (2 moots); Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom (2 moots); Squire Patton Boggs (2 moots); Thompson Hine; Troutman Pepper; Williams & Connolly (5 moots); and WilmerHale (2 moots).

¹² Firms with fewer than 100 attorneys. In OT 24, SCI mooted attorneys from the following boutique firms: Clement & Murphy (3 moots); Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton; Gair Gallo; Gupta Wessler (2 moots); Holwell Shuster & Goldberg; Jonathan Mitchell Law; Lehotsky Keller; and Spero Law.

¹³ In OT 24, SCI mooted attorneys from the following non-profits: ACLU, Alliance Defending Freedom (2 moots), Becket Fund for Religious Freedom (2 moots), Institute for Justice, and the NAACP LDF.

¹⁴ In OT 24, SCI mooted solicitors general or other attorneys working for the attorneys general of the following states: California (2 moots), New Jersey, Texas (2 moots), and Louisiana.

¹⁵ In OT 24, SCI mooted full-time professors at three law schools: Georgetown (Kelsi Corkran, ICAP)+; Stanford; and the University of Virginia (2 moots).

OT 18	17	12	4	6	9	3
OT 17	14	5	3	4	11	5
OT 16	18	10	3	3	8	3
OT 15	16	12	4	2	9	2
OT 14	20	7	0	2	11	6
OT 13	22	9	2	4	5	5

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