

THE BIG PICTURE: HOW A CASE GETS TO THE SUPREME COURT

The Justices of the Supreme Court



Justice:

Sonia Sotomayor

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Stephen Breyer

Elena Kagan

Appointed by:

Obama

Clinton

Clinton

Obama

Appointed in:

2009

1993

1994

2009

Martin-Quinn

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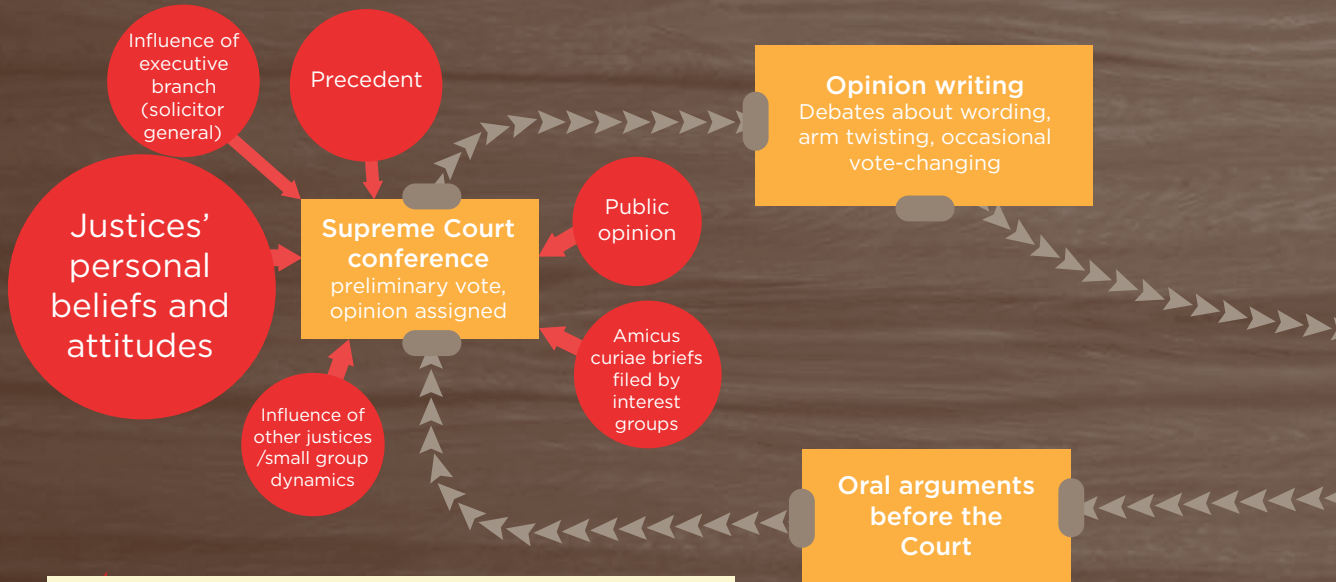
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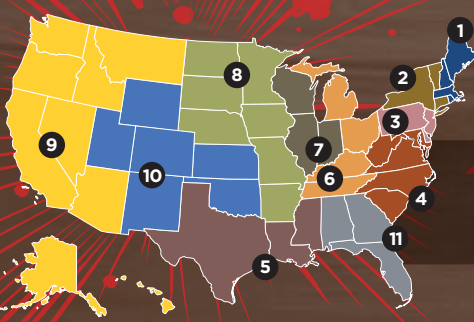
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Score*:

*Martin-Quinn scores use voting records to rate how liberal or conservative each justice is, with the lower number being more liberal and the higher more conservative.



Cases come to the Supreme Court from federal district courts of appeals, state supreme courts, and its original jurisdiction



Petitions to the Court for a writ of certiorari
(Approx. 10,000/year)
Reviewed by law clerks, briefs circulated to justices