

# The Supreme Court's Unexplained OT16 *Cert.*\* -Stage Recusals Explained

\*At merits stage, four recusals: three due to previous work (two Kagan, one Sotomayor); one due to stock ownership (Roberts). Numbers below are all cert.-stage.

## Reason for recusal

<u>Justice</u>	<u>Stock ownership</u>	<u>Previous work</u>	<u>Named in complaint</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Undetermined</u>	<u>Total</u>
Roberts	10	1	7	0	0	18
Kennedy	0	0	2	0	1	3
Thomas	0	0	1	0	1	2
Ginsburg	0	0	2	0	0	2
Breyer	2	0	2	5	0	9
Alito	35	12	1	1	6	55
Sotomayor	0	17	1	0	0	18
Kagan	0	62	2	0	0	64
Gorsuch	0	29	0	0	0	29
<i>Totals</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>200</i>

### Stock ownership (47)

Roberts (10)	Heath, George v. Tsujihara, Kevin, et al. (TWX)	Mitchell, Blondell v. Sanchez, Rick (TWX)	Affinity Labs of Texas v. DirecTV et al. (TWX)	Photos Etc. Corp., et al. v. Home Depot, et al. (WF / COF)	Johnson, Mable v. Ford Motor Co., et al. (TI)	Prather, John C. v. AT&T, et al. (NOK)
	Ebanks, Verona v. Samsung Telecommunication (VZ)	Pundt, Edward v. Verizon Communications (VZ)	Ebanks, Verona v. Samsung Telecommunication (VZ)	Nitch v. FCC, et al. (VZ)		
Breyer (2)	Commil USA LLC v. Cisco Systems, Inc. (CSCO)	Commil USA LLC v. Cisco Systems, Inc. (CSCO)				
	Rios, Richard J. v. PNC Mortgage, et al. (PNC)	MacDermid Printing Solutions v. E.I. Du Pont De Nemours & Co. (DD)	Batista, Susan v. Countrywide Home Loans, et al. (PNC)	Gillette Co., et al. v. California Franchise Tax Board, et al. (PG)	Merck & CIE, et al. v. Gnosis S.P.A. (MRK)	Steele, Ellenie, et al. v. Proctor & Gamble (PG)
	Mason, Valerie v. Tap Pharmaceutical, et al. (ABT)	Merck & CIE, et al. v. Watson Laboratories (MRK)	Skinner, Richard v. Schlumberger Technology, et al. (SLB)	Ashe, Keith A. v. PNC Financial Services Group (PNC)	Johnson & Johnson Vision Care v. Rembrandt Vision Technologies (JNJ)	E.I. Du Pont De Nemours & Co. v. MacDermid Printing Solutions (DD)

Alito (35)	Ashe, Keith A. v. PNC Financial Services Group (PNC)	Medinol Ltd. V. Cordis Corp. (JNJ)	Hasan, Larry A. v. Pennsylvania Dept. of Education, et al. (PNC)	Batista, Susan v. Countrywide Home Loans, et al. (PNC)	Mason, Valerie v. Tap Pharmaceutical, et al. (ABT)	Wiest, Jeffrey A., et ux. v. Tyco Electronics Corps. (JCI)
	Geotag, Inc. v. Google, Inc. (ORCL)	Ford, Carolyn W. v. Rohr, James F., et al. (PNC)	Avco Corp. v. Sikkelee, Jill (ORCL)	Photos Etc. Corp., et al. v. Home Depot, et al. (JPM)	Ethicon Endo-Surgery v. Covidien LP et al. (JNJ)	Baron, Clive v. Abbott Laboratories (ABT)
	Sonoco Products Co., et al. v. Michigan Dept. of Treasury (PG)	Skadden Arps Slate etc. v. Michigan Dept. of Treasury (PG)	Gillette Commercial Operations v. Michigan Dept. of Treasury (PG)	IBM Corp. v. Michigan Dept. of Treasury (PG)	Goodyear, et al. v. Michigan Dept. of Treasury (PG)	DirectTV Group Holdings v. Michigan Dept. of Treasury (PG)
	WesternGeco. v. Ion Geophysical Corp. (SLB)	Jacobs Field Services v. Hugler (JEC)	LifeScan Scotland Ltd. v. Pharmatech Solutions, Inc. (JNJ)	Harris, Leigh A. v. Vanguard Group (VEU)	Ford, Carolyn W. v. Rohr, James F., et al. (PNC)	

**Previous work (not including Sotomayor, Kagan and Gorsuch) (13)**

Roberts (1)	Morrow, Miguel v. U.S.					
Alito (12)	Loach, Jerome A. v. Pennsylvania	Noble, Thomas v. USDC District of Delaware	In re: Thomas Noble	Noble, Thomas v. USDC District of Delaware	In re: Thomas Noble	Jackman, Donald G. v. Hollingsworth, Warden
	Martin, James L. v. National General Assurance Co.	Delaware Trust Co. v. Energy Future Holdings Corp.	Patterson, Leonard v. Beemer, Attorney General of Pennsylvania, et al.	Carter, Howard A. v. Lane, Supt., Fayette, et al.	Carter, Howard A. v. Lane, Supt., Fayette, et al.	Cruz, David v. U.S.

**Named in complaint (18)**

Roberts (7)	Gorbey, Michael S. v. Rathman, Warden	Gorbey, Michael S. v. U.S.	Gorbey, Michael S. v. Taylor, Warden, et al.	Hodge, Harold, et ux. v. College of Southern Maryland, et al.	Gorbey, Michael S. v. Rathman, Warden	Gorbey, Michael S. v. U.S.
	Jaffe, Robert J. v. Roberts, Chief Justice, et al.					
Kennedy (2)	Jaffe, Robert J. v. Roberts, Chief Justice, et al.	Arunga, James A. v. Obama, et al.				

Thomas (1)	Jaffe, Robert J. v. Roberts, Chief Justice, et al.	
Ginsburg (2)	Jaffe, Robert J. v. Roberts, Chief Justice, et al.	Arunga, James A. v. Obama, et al.
Breyer (2)	Jaffe, Robert J. v. Roberts, Chief Justice, et al.	Arunga, James A. v. Obama, et al.
Alito (1)	Jaffe, Robert J. v. Roberts, Chief Justice, et al.	
Sotomayor (1)	Jaffe, Robert J. v. Roberts, Chief Justice, et al.	
Kagan (2)	Jaffe, Robert J. v. Roberts, Chief Justice, et al.	Arunga, James A. v. Obama, et al.

**Family (6)**

Breyer (5)	Bank Melli v. Bennett, Michael	Alfriend, Kimberly J., et al. v. USDC N. District of CA	Alfriend, Kimberly J., et al. v. USDC N. District of CA	Tieu, Cuong M. v. U.S.	Prather, John C. v. AT&T, et al.
Alito (1)	Mylan Pharmaceuticals, et al. v. Acorda Therapeutics, et al.				

**Undertermined (8)**

Kennedy (1)	Gordon, Chance E. v. CFPB					
Thomas (1)	Soo Line Railroad Co. v. Werner Enterprises					
Alito (6)	Masimo Corp. v. Ruhe, Michael, et al.	Concepcion, Albert v. U.S.	Taitt, Deborah v. Wayne Circuit Ct. Judge, et al.	Russell v. Holt, Warden	Whyte, Bettina M. v. Barclays Bank PLC, et al.	Johnson, Mable v. Ford Motor Co., et al.