

Illinois Litigation Year In Review - 2015 (Oral Argument to Decision Times)



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We have been tracking "oral argument-to-decision" time since the September 2015 *Oral Argument Call* and have some interesting numbers for your case. In this interval, the court has held four calls and heard 70 cases. Of those, a decision has been rendered in 53 cases. The court has affirmed 42 and reversed 11, and dissents or special concurrences were filed in six cases. Eight of these cases were published decisions, while 45 were unpublished Rule 23 orders.

September through January Oral Argument Dispositions

Outcome	Total Order	Avg Rule Days 23	Avg Days		
Affirmed w/o dissent	38	4	14	34	16.5
Affirmed w/					

dissent	3	0	-	3	51.6
Affirmed w/ concurrence	1	1	42	0	-
Reversed w/o dissent	9	3	18.6	6	14.6
Reversed w/ dissent	2	0	-	2	55

These statistics indicate that most unanimously affirmed decisions are issued within 10-16 days following oral argument; most unanimous reversals are issued within 8-10 days, or 15-18 days of argument. If your case is lingering past 30 days from oral argument, chances are there is a dissent, or at least a special concurrence coming. Of the cases lingering beyond 40 days from oral argument, four involved a dissent. Of interest, the earliest release of a decision was five days following oral argument – the Commission's decision was affirmed.

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