

Oral Argument From Both Sides

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Sometimes, oral argument sounds like this



Sometimes, not so much

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=452XjnaHr1A>



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Why are some oral arguments more useful?



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The conventional wisdom

- The advocate's skill at answering questions dictates success at argument; how well can you return serve?



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Yes, but . . .

- Argument is a two-way street
 - Better answers from the podium
 - Better questions from the bench

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