



US SUPREME COURT LINE STANDING GUIDE

THE PUBLIC LINE

The Supreme Court Gallery holds approximately 250 people. However, the majority of these spots are reserved for members of Congress and their staff, Supreme Court Bar members, members of the Media, etc., leaving a limited number of spots available to the General Public. For popular Oral Arguments, this number is usually around 50 spots.

The Supreme Court Police give out 100-150 numbered tickets between 7:00am-7:30am. Our line stander will call the attendee at that time and make arrangements on where and when to meet. The tickets state that there will be no substitutions of people, so the exchange of tickets should take place discretely, i.e., inside at the cafeteria, on the sidewalk out of sight of the police, etc.

The doors to the building open at 8:00am. Once inside, the line re-forms in the hallway by the Gallery steps. It is essential that the attendee be inside, in line, with ticket by 8:30am - 8:45am. At 9:00am, the public is allowed upstairs to the Gallery, and the first Oral Argument begins at 10:00am. Attendees will not be allowed to slip in late as can be done at Congressional Hearings or other events. Regardless of the number on the ticket, any attendee arriving after 9:00am will have lost their spot in line and may or may not get in, depending on the number of people in line.

We have a three-hour minimum for this service, typically from 5:00am-8:00am. Line Standing for popular Oral Arguments may require an earlier starting time.

THE BAR LINE aka THE ATTORNEY LINE

This line is only for members of the Supreme Court Bar, and valid government ID is required. There are no tickets given out for the Bar Line. We will contact the attendee around 6:00am to let them know what position we hold in line. Included will be a brief description of our line stander.

The door to the building for the Bar line opens at 7:00am. Line Stander cannot go inside with other Bar members, so the switch MUST take place outside before 7:00am. Attendees arriving after 7:00am will have lost their spot in line, and may or may not get in, depending on the number of attorneys in line.

We have a three-hour minimum for this service, typically from 3:30am-6:30am. Line standing for popular Oral Arguments may require an earlier starting time.

For further information, here is a link to the SCOTUS's Visitors Guide to Oral Arguments:
<http://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/visitorsguidetooralargument.aspx>