



US Supreme Court Linestanding Guide

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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 (one ticket per person, multiple attendees will require us to utilize multiple linestanders). Our linestander will then call the attendee and arrange where and when to meet. Fyi, the tickets state that there will be no substitutions of people (e.g. linestanders), 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. 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. Also, no one is allowed in after 10:00am, even if you have a ticket.

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.

BAR MEMBER LINE (aka ATTORNEY LINE)

Only Supreme Court Bar members who actually intend to attend argument are allowed in line for the Bar section; Linestanders are not permitted in this line.

For further information, please read the Supreme Court's "**Visitors Guide to Oral Arguments**" <http://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/visitorsguidetooralargument.aspx>