



## US Supreme Court Line-Standing Guide

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### **PUBLIC LINE**

The Supreme Court Gallery holds approximately 200 people. Most of these spots are reserved for members of Congress and their staff, Supreme Court Bar members, the Media, etc., leaving approximately 50 spots available to the General Public.

The Supreme Court Police hand out numbered tickets between 7:00am-7:30am. Only the first 50 ticket holders will be admitted to the Gallery. Once our line-stander received a ticket, they will call the attendee and arrange where to meet. The ticket states “there will be no substitutions of people” (e.g. with line-standers), so this exchange should take place discretely.

The doors to the Supreme Court building open at 8:00am. Once inside, the line re-forms in the hallway by the Gallery steps. The attendee must be in this line with their ticket by 8:45am.

At 9:00am, the public is allowed upstairs to the Gallery. Any attendee arriving after 9:00am may or may not get in, depending on the number of people in line. The first Oral Argument begins at 10:00am, and no one is allowed in to the Gallery after 10:00am, even with a ticket.

We have a three-hour minimum for this service (at \$40 per hour), typically from 5:00am-8:00am. Popular Oral Arguments may require an earlier starting time.

### **BAR MEMBER LINE (aka ATTORNEY LINE)**

This line is only for Supreme Court Bar members who are attending the oral argument. **Linestanders are not permitted in this line.**

For further important information, please read the “**Visitors Guide to Oral Arguments / Courtroom Seating**” at <https://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/visitorsguidetooralargument.aspx>