

US SUPREME COURT LINE STANDING GUIDE

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, members of the Media, etc., leaving approximately 50 spots available to the public.

The Supreme Court Online Ticketing Reservation System (see [Online Ticketing - Request - Welcome](#)) allows for gallery ticket reservations to be made for 35 of these spots for individual Oral Arguments.

This leaves approximately 15 **non-reserved** gallery tickets available to the public for each Oral Argument. These 15 tickets are distributed (to those waiting in line without reservations) by the Supreme Court Police between 8:00am – 9:00am.

Washington Express can still offer Supreme Court line-standing services, but on a limited basis. We cannot make the Gallery reservation for you, but we can stand in line for one (or more; one ticket per line-stander) of the 15 non-reserved tickets that are set aside for the public.

We have a three-hour minimum for this service (\$60/hour), typically from 5am-8am. However, the above new policy and popular Oral Arguments will typically require a substantially earlier start time.

See the below two links from the Supreme Court's official website:

[Courtroom Seating](#)

[Online Ticketing - Request - Welcome](#) - Please read this thoroughly, especially FAQ/Online Reservations.

Once our line-stander receives 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 Court building open at 8:00am. Once inside, the line re-forms in the hallway by the Gallery steps. All attendees must be in this line with their ticket (or reservation) by 8:45am.

At 9:00am, the public is allowed upstairs to the Gallery. The first Oral Argument begins at 10:00am, and no one is allowed into the Gallery after 10:00am, even with a ticket or a reservation.