

U.S. Supreme Court Admission Program

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When is the QCBA Group Admission Program at the United States Supreme Court?

The admission ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2027. QCBA will be hosting a welcome reception and dinner in Washington, DC on the evening of Wednesday, May 19 and a luncheon following the ceremony on May 20. Refer to the full schedule of events (FAQs page 2) for more details.

Who is eligible to participate?

All Queens County Bar Association members in good standing are eligible to register for this program. You must remain a member in good standing as of the date of the admission.

What are the qualifications for admission to the US Supreme Court Bar?

To qualify for admission to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court, an applicant must have been admitted to practice in the highest court of a State, Commonwealth, Territory or Possession, or the District of Columbia for a period of at least three years immediately before the date of application; must not have been the subject of an adverse disciplinary action pronounced or in effect during that 3-year period; and must appear to the Court to be of good moral and professional character. Applicants must also have two sponsors that are current members of the US Supreme Court Bar that they know personally but are not related to.

Is hotel included in the Admission Program?

Hotel expenses are not included in the cost of the Admission Program. A block of rooms has been secured at the AC Hotel Capitol Hill Navy Yard for Wednesday evening as well as for Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday for those wishing to extend their trip. A dedicated registration link will be provided and participants will book their own reservations in the QCBA discounted room block online or by telephone. The rate is \$318 per night plus tax (currently 15.95%). The hotel reservation deadline is April 19, 2027. Refer to the Hotel Information tab on the event website for reservation instructions.

Is transportation included in the Admission Program?

All participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Washington, DC. As we get closer to the program, QCBA will attempt to secure a discount from Amtrak for those interested in traveling by train, but that is not determined yet. Parking is available at the hotel for an additional cost (currently \$64 per day).

Round-trip transportation between the AC Hotel Capitol Hill Navy Yard and the United States Supreme Court will be provided by QCBA.

May I bring guests with me?

Each admittee may bring one guest to the admission ceremony at the US Supreme Court. Additional guests may be registered for the welcome reception, celebration luncheon and other functions. All additional guests must be registered. Additional guests will not be admitted to the US Supreme Court to watch the admission ceremony – this is a US Supreme Court rule and no exceptions will be made.

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How many people can participate in the Admission Program?

By United States Supreme Court rules, we are strictly limited to 50 admittees to the Supreme Court Bar.

I am already admitted to the Supreme Court Bar. May I attend the program?

You may register for the program and attend the welcome reception and celebration luncheon, but we cannot guarantee you will be able to attend the admission ceremony at the Supreme Court. The US Supreme Court personnel will determine if there is ample space available for members of the Supreme Court Bar to enter the courtroom.

What is the deadline to register?

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the first 50 potential admittees have registered, a waitlist will be established.

What is the event timeline and schedule?

Anticipated registration and application timeline:

Friday, March 6, 2026	Registration Opens. Registration and deposit accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations will not be accepted without payment of the required deposit.
Tuesday, December 1, 2026	Supreme Court Bar Application form distributed to all registrants.
Friday, January 15, 2027	Completed Supreme Court Application forms, selection of registration options and activities and payment for the balance owed (based on your registration and activity selections) are due to QCBA.
Friday, February 19, 2027	QCBA will submit all completed applications and the application fees to the US Supreme Court for processing and review (<i>approximate date</i>).

Anticipated schedule of activities:

Wednesday, May 19, 2027	6:00 pm	Welcome Reception and Dinner at AC Hotel Capitol Hill Navy Yard
Thursday, May 20, 2027	7:00 am	Optional breakfast at AC Hotel
	8:00 am	Depart AC Hotel by motor coach for US Supreme Court
	11:00 am	Post-admission individual and group photos
	12:00 pm	Depart US Supreme Court by motor coach for AC Hotel
	1:00 pm	Celebratory Luncheon at AC Hotel
	7:00 pm	Optional evening tour of Washington, DC by private double-decker bus
Friday, May 21, 2027		Possible group tour of one of the Smithsonian Institute museums (details to follow in early 2027)

Additional questions?

Call or email Jonathan Riegel at (718) 291-4500, x224 or jriegel@qcba.org

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What are the costs of the Admissions Program?

The standard packages are:

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| • Applicant and 1 Guest | \$1,150 | includes the Supreme Court Admission Fee plus the welcome reception, celebratory luncheon and transportation between the hotel and Supreme Court for two people. |
| • Applicant Only | \$725 | Same as above but for one person (the applicant) only. |
| • Additional Guests | \$425 | includes the welcome reception and celebratory luncheon for one person. Additional guests <i>may not</i> attend the swearing in ceremony. This is a Supreme Court rule and no exceptions will be made. |
| • Members of the SC Bar | \$425 | for those individuals who are already members of the US Supreme Court Bar. Registration includes the welcome reception and celebratory luncheon for one person. Those already admitted to the Supreme Court Bar may attend the ceremony at the Supreme Court only if space permits (<i>very unlikely</i>). |
| <i>Optional Add-Ons:</i> | | |
| • Thursday Breakfast | \$75 | price is per person and includes full American buffet, including eggs, bacon, potatoes, oatmeal, cereals, granola, fresh fruit, croissants, muffins, Danish, coffee and tea |
| • Thursday Evening Tour | \$65 | price is per person and includes a two-hour tour of Washington, DC by chartered double-decker bus. |
| • Kosher Meals | \$60 | price is per person and includes a Kosher dinner on Wednesday evening and a Kosher lunch on Thursday afternoon.
<i>Kosher option is not available for breakfast.</i> |

What are the payment terms?

A payment of \$250 is due upon registration, \$150 of which is nonrefundable. On/about January 15, 2027, each registrant will make final selections (guests, optional activities, etc.) and pay the balance due at that time.

Paying your deposit by credit card is the easiest and most efficient way to pay. For those choosing the "Pay by Invoice" option (including those wishing to pay by check), your registration will be held for seven (7) days pending receipt of your deposit. Deposits not received within seven (7) days may result in your spot being offered to the next person.

Until the date the Supreme Court Application Packet is submitted to the Supreme Court, all fees paid less the \$150 nonrefundable deposit will be refunded to your original payment method. From the date the application packet has been submitted to the Supreme Court until April 15, 2027, all fees paid less \$350 (\$150 nonrefundable deposit and \$200 Supreme Court Application Fee) will be refunded *There are no refunds or credits of any type after April 15, 2027.*

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