An invitation from Gonzaga Law

Please join fellow Gonzaga Law graduates for the professional experience of a lifetime. Gonzaga Law alumni from all over the country will gather in Washington D.C. on December 10, 2018 for a special Swearing-In Ceremony to be admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.

The day will begin with a continental breakfast at the Supreme Court building. Following breakfast, those alums who are being sworn-in, and one guest each, will be escorted to the courtroom for the Swearing-In Ceremony, which is administered by the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. After the ceremony, we will return to the reception room for pictures and conversation opportunities with fellow alums and possibly members of the Court if their schedule allows. The event will conclude with a luncheon on Capitol Hill hosted by Gonzaga Law alumna, Senator Catherine Cortez Masto ('90).

You are welcome to invite your family and friends to join us in this memorable day. I look forward to seeing you in Washington D.C.

Assistant Dean of External Relations
Jeff Geldien

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Qualifications

There are two ways to gain admission to the Supreme Court:

Open Court Admission

In this admission, the applicant is presented in court on December 10, 2018, during a special session.

The application and instructions for Open Court admission to the bar can be found at: supremecourt.gov/bar/baradmissions.aspx

Admittees must:

» Complete the Application for Admission to Practice.
» Have the endorsement of two sponsors who are members of the Supreme Court Bar who know the applicant personally and are not related to the applicant by blood or marriage. (Gonzaga Law School can assist you with this requirement.) Gonzaga Law School will provide a person to serve as the Movant for the entire group of up to 50 applicants on a single motion before the Court.
» Obtain a Certificate of Good Standing from the presiding judge, clerk, or authorized official of the highest court of a State, Commonwealth, Territory or Possession, or the District of Columbia evidencing the fact that the admittee has been a member of the Bar of such court for three years.

Due to the size of the courtroom, we are limited to 50 alumni, to be determined on a first-come, first-served basis. Each person being admitted to the Supreme Court Bar may bring one guest into the Court to witness the ceremony. Additional guests could possibly be allowed in at the discretion of the Court, but this is not guaranteed.

Written Motion Admission

If you are unable to attend, you may be admitted by written motion. Graduates can file a completed application directly with the U.S. Supreme Court Clerk’s Office. The certificate is mailed directly to the applicant. There is no quota on the number of alumni who can apply for admission by written motion.

Schedule of Events

December 10, 2018

8:30 a.m.
Arrive at Supreme Court for security clearance
Continental breakfast provided

10:00 a.m.
Swearing-In Ceremony

10:30 a.m.
Reception with Supreme Court Justices and group photographs (based on Court availability)

12:00 p.m.
Lunch hosted by Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (’90) to follow at the U.S. Capitol (guests are welcome)

The cost for participating is $240.00 per alumnus. This fee will cover the $200.00 admission fee to the court and all the day’s events including breakfast and lunch for the alumnus being sworn-in. Please include your check for $240.00 with your application materials, payable to Gonzaga School of Law.

Each participant is responsible for making and paying for his or her own travel arrangements and hotel accommodations. Guest meals are $20.00 per guest, per meal.

If you have questions regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In, please contact:

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Registration Form

All paperwork and payment for the Swearing-In Ceremony must be received in the Gonzaga Law Alumni Office no later than October 1, 2018.

Name: ________________________________

Grad. Year: ____________________________

Guest name(s): ________________________

Firm/Business: __________________________

City: __________________ Zip: ____________

State: ___________________________ Phone: __________________

Email: ________________________________

Sponsor names (2): ____________________

Please complete the following...

» Typed Application for Admission to Practice located at www.supremecourt.gov/bar/baradmissions.aspx

» Certificate of Good Standing

» Registration Form

» Payment to Gonzaga Law School - $240.00 per alumnus plus additional meal charges for guests ($20 per guest, per meal). Payment by check only.

...and mail to:

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