



U.S. Supreme Court Admissions Trip

WHEN:

Ceremony: April 14, 2023
 Events: April 13 – 15, 2023

WHO:

SCWLA members who have been admitted to practice in the highest court of a State, Commonwealth, Territory or Possession, or D.C. for a period of at least three years immediately before the date of application; must not have been the subject of any adverse disciplinary action pronounced or in effect during that three-year period; and must appear to the Court to be of good moral and professional character.

WHY:

Enjoy the fellowship of your fellow women lawyers and take advantage of the Spring season to visit historic sites, national monuments, and museums located in the D.C. area. We will attempt to arrange a group tour of the White House.

D.C. also has many unique boutiques, antique stores, and gift shops to explore.

NOTE: As of this time, the Court will allow only those SCWLA members being admitted and the Judge moving for their admission to enter the Court building.



The 2023 Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) group admissions ceremony for the South Carolina Women Lawyers’ Association will take place on Friday, April 14. A member of South Carolina’s judiciary will join us and move in open court for the admission of our group to the Court’s Bar. We have arranged for up to 50 of its members to have this once in a lifetime opportunity.

To participate, please complete the group event application available on SCWLA’s website, www.scwla.org. That application and \$100 SCWLA Administrative Fee (covers administrative costs, reception on Thursday night, and, if catering is resumed at the Court, a private breakfast at the Supreme Court) are different from and in addition to the Court’s Application for Admission to Practice fee of \$200. The SCWLA Event Application and SCWLA event fee are due by January 13, 2023. **The SCOTUS’s Admission Application and the \$200 application fee must be actually received by SCWLA no later than Friday, February 3.** Applications will be accepted in the order in which they are received until the group is full.

Because of the limited number of members who may be admitted on April 14, 2022, all interested SCWLA members should contact Amie Clifford (aclifford@cpc.sc.gov or 803-832-8275) before submitting applications. Members already admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States may participate in the trip by completing only the Event Application and submitting it, with the \$100.00 SCWLA Administrative Fee, by the deadline set out above. While members are welcome to bring guests; the Supreme Court is not currently allowing the public to enter the building (*see note to the left*).

There are many hotels in the Capitol Hill area (where the Court, White House, Capitol, Library of Congress, Union Station, and the Smithsonian Museums are located). Nearby Union Station also is a hub for the Metro (subway) so you can ride in from other areas.

A certificate of good standing from the Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina (or any other state in which you are admitted) is required by the SCOTUS.

To Obtain Certificate of Good Standing from SCOSC: Request by letter, with \$25 payment from the Office of Bar Admissions (fee subject to change; see Rule 423, SCACR or call 803-734-1317). Send your letter and fee to: Supreme Court of South Carolina, Attn: Office of Bar Admissions at P.O. Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211 (or, if hand-delivering or sending overnight, use 1231 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201).

For more information, please go to www.SCWLA.org or call Amie Clifford at (803) 832-8275

2023 SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES ADMISSIONS CEREMONY TRIP SCWLA EVENT APPLICATION

The 2023 group admissions ceremony for the South Carolina Women Lawyers' Association is scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2023. A member of South Carolina's judiciary will move for the admittance of our group to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). This is an application to participate in this group event. It and the SCWLA Administrative Fee are different from and in addition to the Court's Application for Admission to Practice and the Court's \$200 admissions fee. There only 50 admission slots, but all SCWLA members are able to participate. (Please note that the Supreme Court is not currently allowing guests, but that is subject to change; if it does and the Court allows guests to enter the building, the Court will not guarantee seating for more than one guest per admittee, but limited general public seating may be available for other guests and the general public).

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Date Received: _____

SCWLA App. Pmt Rec'd: _____

SCWLA App. Complete: _____

Returned for more Information: _____

Confirmation Sent: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Office Telephone: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Are you already admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States? _____ Yes _____ No

LODGING:

There are lots of hotels in in and around Washington, D.C. Nearby hotels used by those participating in SCWLA's past admissions ceremonies have included the Phoenix Park Hotel (520 North Capitol Street NW) and Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill (400 New Jersey Avenue NW). The Supreme Court is located in the Capitol Hill area (next to the Library of Congress and across the street from the Capitol; in that same area – within walking distance are the Smithsonian Museums, the Mall area near the Lincoln Memorial and other national monuments, the White House, and Union Station). In addition to shops, restaurants, and a movie theater, Union Station is home to a major Metro (subway) stop and railroad station. Most hotels in the District of Columbia and in the surrounding areas (including Arlington and Alexandria, Virginia, and Chevy Chase, Maryland) are close to Metro stops so that transportation to and from the Court and other sites on Capitol Hill is readily available and convenient. As a major metropolitan area, taxis and other modes of transportation are also available.

MEALS:

SCWLA will try to arrange for group events, including a group dinner (**with each person paying for their own dinner**) on the Thursday night before the ceremony. Please let us know if you would be interested in participating:

THURSDAY night, April 13: ___ Yes ___ No

* EVENT APPLICATION DEADLINE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

*Please note that, depending upon security requirements of the various buildings/institutions for which we will try to arrange group tours (such as the Capitol and White House), additional information may be needed (social security numbers, birth dates, etc.). **Because of advance notice for submitting such information, SCWLA members who submit their event applications after January 1 may not be able to participate in those tours.***

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GUESTS:

Admissions Ceremony Guests Information: Currently, the Court will not allow anyone into the building except for the admissions applicants and the movant. (Information for **IF** the Court returns to allowing the public into the courtroom at the time of the ceremony: Due to limited seating, the Court has previously restricted the number of applicants' guests guaranteed to have a seat to **one per applicant**. There is also public seating, but additional guests would have to wait in line with the public for those seats. Children under six may not enter the Courtroom.)

Please note that the SCWLA \$100 administrative fee must be paid by all applicants.

If you are bringing guests, please identify (for adult guests, please provide full name as it appears on driver's license; for child guests, please provide full name and age) and indicate if they are attending any of the SCWLA organized events (you must pay the \$100 administrative fee for each guest who will be) (use additional sheets if necessary):

_____	Ceremony Only _____	All Organized Events _____
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SUPREME COURT APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION:

Please note that the SCOTUS Application for Admission to Practice and instructions are available on the Court's website (<https://www.supremecourt.gov/filingandrules/supremecourtbar.aspx>; please print and read all of the instructions). **To participate in SCWLA's group admission ceremony, you MUST complete and submit this Application for Admission to Practice to the Court through SCWLA** (please mail it to SCWLA at below address) along with a check covering the admissions fee no later than January 3. **The deadline for SCWLA's receipt of the Supreme Court Application is February 3, 2023.**

The SCOTUS requires that, for group admissions, the admission applications of all applicants must be submitted at together by SCWLA in at least eight weeks before the admissions ceremony; SCWLA sets the deadline for its receipt of the applications a little over a week before so that, if there are any issues with applications (past examples include missing signatures or signatures in the wrong places; missing good standing certificate, missing check, etc.), they can be remedied before the group packet must be set to the Court.

Please send this Event Application and check, made payable to SCWLA for \$100.00 (per person), by January 3 to:

SCWLA – SCOTUS Admissions
Post Office Box 11910
Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Further information will be shared by email once your SCWLA registration is received.

The SCWLA Administrative Fee is **nonrefundable** after February 1, 2023 (see "Deadlines" below for **deadline for cancellation to receive refund of the SCWLA Administrative fee**). You may email questions to Amie Clifford at aclifford@cpc.sc.gov or Mikki Lindler at executivedirector@scwla.org.

DEADLINES (more information above):

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| January 20, 2023: | • Deadline for submitting SCWLA Event Application (spots will be filled in the order in which applications are received). |
| February 1, 2023: | • Last day to cancel and receive refund of SCWLA Event Application Fee |
| February 3, 2023: | • SCOTUS Application for Admission to Practice closes – MUST be received by this date (MUST submit to SCWLA to be included in the group admission) |