

## What to expect at an admission sitting in Brisbane

- Admission to the legal profession involves an application to the Supreme Court of Queensland which the Court considers on its facts. The decision of the judges is delivered at an admission sitting.
- The sitting is conducted before 3 judges in 'sessions' of about 24 applicants at approximately 45-minute intervals in the Banco Court on level 3 of the QEII Courts of Law.
- A notice within the [published law list](#) will advise applicants to be in attendance outside the Banco Court 30 minutes prior to the commencement of each session.
- The order of applicants within each session is determined by their academic achievements as advised by the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board. This is the order in which they will be seated and sign the roll if they are admitted.
- The order of applications heard during the session depends on the seniority of the movers.
- Upon arrival, the applicants and their movers will be directed to an area separate from family and friends to assist in the orderly running of the court proceedings.
- Everyone entering the courtroom will observe standard [courtroom etiquette](#).
- A registrar will organise each session's applicants, seat them in the Banco Court and explain what is required of applicants during the session.
- Another court officer will organise the nominated movers for the session into a seating order according to their seniority.
- Family and other guests will then enter the courtroom. Once everyone is seated, the judges and associates will enter.
- Each applicant should stand when their mover's name is called by the Chief Justice (or presiding judge).
  - If their application is granted, each applicant remains standing until the presiding judge says "Let [name] be admitted", then bows to the bench and resumes their seat.
  - If their application is adjourned or refused, they bow to the bench and resume their seat.
- If admitted, they stand collectively when instructed by the registrar and make their oaths or affirmations of allegiance and of office together. They remain standing while the presiding judge delivers their remarks.
- If not admitted, they remain seated and do not speak while the oaths or affirmations of allegiance and of office are made and the presiding judge delivers their remarks.
- Family and other guests may take photos for a short period outside the Banco Court only. No flash photography is permitted near judicial portraits in the level 3 foyer, as this damages the portraits. Note that preparations for the next session will likely be underway during this time.