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Chronology of the Investiture Ceremony for Neil M. Gorsuch
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Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch will be escorted by the Clerk of the Court, Scott Harris, to the well of the Courtroom, where he will sit in the same chair used by Chief Justice John Marshall during the early 19th century. The chair has been used for the investiture of every member of the Court since Lewis F. Powell, Jr., took his Judicial Oath in 1972.

Pamela Talkin, the Court's Marshal, will announce the President and First Lady of the United States, who will be escorted to their seats next to retired Justice John Paul Stevens. The Marshal will rap the gavel and introduce the Chief Justice and Associate Justices with the Court's traditional "cry." The Members of the Court will take their places on the Bench.

Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein and Acting Solicitor General Jeffrey Wall will be seated at counsel table in front of the Bench. The Deputy Attorney General will move to have Justice Gorsuch's judicial commission read by Clerk Harris. Marshal's Aide Assistant Supervisor Jasmin Boothe will carry the commission to the Clerk.

Deputy Clerk of the Court Danny Bickell will then escort Justice Gorsuch to the Bench and the Clerk of Court will escort Justice Gorsuch to the center of the Bench. At this point, the Justices will stand, but the audience will remain seated. Chief Justice Roberts will administer the judicial oath to Justice Gorsuch, with the Clerk standing between them holding a Bible. After the oath, Chief Deputy Marshal Richard Nelson will escort Justice Gorsuch to his seat on the far right. Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Gorsuch will be seated and the special session will then adjourn.