Supreme Court Activity: FY 2011 - 2015

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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	106	114	94	93	91
Other Than Regular Causes	1,125	1,100	1,118	1,118	1,175
Disciplinary Appeals	4	10	14	7	7
Motions	1,984	2,063	1,748	2,189	2,477
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	137	112	100	96	114
Other Than Regular Causes	1,102	1,089	1,155	1,121	1,102
Disciplinary Appeals	8	8	9	13	10
Motions	1,965	1,996	1,884	2,173	2,326
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	52	54	48	45	22
Other Than Regular Causes	424	441	400	400	472
Disciplinary Appeals	2	4	9	4	2

NOTE: Data for prior fiscal years are from the respective Annual Reports of the Texas Judicial System.

¹ "Regular causes" involve cases in which four or more of the Supreme Court justices have decided in conference that a petition for review, petition for writ of mandamus or habeas corpus, or parental notification appeal should be reviewed. Regular causes also include direct appeals the Court has agreed to review and questions of law certified to it by a federal appellate court that the Court has agreed to answer.

Supreme Court Activity Detail: FY 2015

REGULAR CAUSES Granted Petitions for Review Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Granted Rehearings of Causes Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus U.S. Certified Question Parental Notification Appeals Direct Appeals Disciplinary Appeals Reinstated Cause Total for Regular Causes OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays Multidistrict Litigation	35 7 0	69 13	104		
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Granted Rehearings of Causes Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus U.S. Certified Question Parental Notification Appeals Direct Appeals Disciplinary Appeals Reinstated Cause Total for Regular Causes OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	7		104		
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Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus U.S. Certified Question Parental Notification Appeals Direct Appeals Disciplinary Appeals Reinstated Cause Total for Regular Causes OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES Petitions for Review Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	0	13	20	19	1
Corpus U.S. Certified Question Parental Notification Appeals Direct Appeals Disciplinary Appeals Reinstated Cause Total for Regular Causes OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES Petitions for Review Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays		1	1	1	0
Parental Notification Appeals Direct Appeals Disciplinary Appeals Reinstated Cause Total for Regular Causes OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES Petitions for Review Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeals Disciplinary Appeals Reinstated Cause Total for Regular Causes OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES Petitions for Review Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	3	4	7	3	4
Disciplinary Appeals Reinstated Cause Total for Regular Causes OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES Petitions for Review Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0
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OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES Petitions for Review Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0
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Petitions for Review Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	45	91	136	114	22
Petitions for Review Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	Pending: 9/1/2014 ³	Filed	Total on Docket	Dispositions	Pending: 8/31/2015
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays					
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	327	839	1166	770	396
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	61	207	268	206	62
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	0	8	8	8	0
Direct Appeals Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	0	4	4	3	1
Certified Questions U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	0	7	7	7	0
U.S. Certified Questions Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	0	3	3	3	0
Applications for Writ of Error Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	0	1	1	1	0
Petitions for Certiorari Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	1	0		0	1
Petitions for Temporary Injunctions Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	_		1		_
Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0
Parental Notification Waiver Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1	1	1	0
Multidistrict Litigation	8	92	100	89	11
	2	13	15	14	1
Total for Other than Regular Causes	399	1,175	1,574	1,102	472
MOTIONS					
Causes	11	47	58	41	17
Petitions for Review	22	197	219	190	29
Mandamus: Civil	5	29	34	30	4
Habeas Corpus	0	3	3	2	1
To Habeas Corpus Writs of Prohibition & Injunction Disciplinary Appeal Direct Appeal	0	1	1	1	0
Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	1	1	0
Tr.	0	1	1	1	0
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	0	0	0	0	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	5 720	5 752	5 730	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File Miscellaneous Motions	13	739 1 454	752 1,686	739 1 316	13
Total for Motions	51	1,454 2,477	2,528	1,316 2,326	64
	31	4, 4 11	2,320	2,320	04
OTHER ACTIONS Disciplinary Actions	5	7	12	10	2
TOTAL FOR ALL	500	3,750	4,250	3,552	560

² Cases pending at the beginning of the fiscal year (September 1) may not equal cases pending at the end of the previous fiscal year (August 31) due to docket adjustments. ³ Cases pending at the beginning of the fiscal year (September 1) may not equal cases pending at the end of the previous fiscal year (August 31) due to docket adjustments.

Final Disposition of Regular Causes: FY 2015

Granted Petitions for Review		Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	
Affirmed	19	Abated	1
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	1	Conditionally granted	8
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	2	Conditionally granted in part	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	3	Denied	5
Dismissed	2	Dismissed	2
Improvidently granted – denied	1	Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	2
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	1	TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	19
Reversed	1		
Reversed & dismissed	2	U.S. Certified Question	
Reversed & remanded	12	Answered	3
Reversed & remanded to trial court	16	TOTAL: Direct Appeal	3
Reversed & rendered	12		
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	3	Granted Rehearing of Cause	
Vacated & remanded	1	Court of appeals judgment reversed & remanded	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	15	TOTAL: Reinstated Cause	1
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	91		
		TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	114

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2015

	Initial Review Granted / Accepted	Set to Argue	Review Refused/ Denied	Dismissed	Abated	Consoli -dated	Struck	Trans- ferred	With- drawn	Total
Petitions for Review	77	0	654	24	9	0	6	0	0	770
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	8	5	157	27	7	0	2	0	0	206
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	8
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Direct Appeals	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
Certified Questions	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
U.S. Certified Questions	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Petitions for Certiorari	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions for Temporary Injunctions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Applications for Writ of Error	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parental Notification Appeals	1*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Petitions for Writ of Quo Warranto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	19	61	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	89
Multidistrict Litigation	8	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	6*	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	10
TOTAL FOR ALL	127	66	831	61	16	0	9	0	0	1,110

^{*} Affirmed

Disposition of Motions: FY 2015

		Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Abated	Consoli- dated	Struck	Trans- ferred	With- drawn	Total
	Causes	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	2	41
	Petitions for Review	7	182	1	0	0	0	0	0	190
د_	Mandamus: Civil	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
ρυ <u>Ο</u>	Habeas Corpus Direct Appeal Disciplinary Appeal		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
arin	Direct Appeal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ehe	Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ıΣ	Prohibition & Injunction	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Multidistrict Litigation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Motions for Extension of Time to File		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Motions for Extension of Time to File		696	17	16	10	0	0	0	0	739
Miscella	Miscellaneous Motions		66	50	0	0	0	0	0	1,660
TOTAL		2,251	340	67	10	0	0	0	2	2,670

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2015

Majority Opinions	57
Per Curiam Opinions	36
Concurring	11
Dissenting	18
Concurring and Dissenting	2
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	1
On Motion for Rehearing	0
Other Opinions	2
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED	127

Opinions of the Supreme Court: FY 2015

Justices	Majority Opinions	Per Curiam Opinions	Concurring Opinions	Dissenting Opinions	Concurring and Dissenting	Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	On Motion for Rehearing	Other Opinions	Total
Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht	6	5	1	2	1	0	0	1	16
Justice Paul W. Green	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
Justice Phil Johnson	7	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	13
Justice Don R. Willett	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	12
Justice Eva M. Guzman	8	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	19
Justice Debra H. Lehrmann	8	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	14
Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd	5	5	3	6	0	0	0	0	19
Justice John P. Devine	6	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	12
Justice Jeff V. Brown	6	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
TOTAL	57	36	11	18	2	1	0	2	127

Action by the Supreme Court in Granted Petitions For Review & Rehearing of Causes By Court of Appeals: FY 2015

	1 ST	2^{ND}	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH	8 TH	9 TH	10 TH	11 ^{TE}	12 TH	13 TH	14 TH	Total
OPINIONS ISSUED															
Court of Appeals ruling is:															
Affirmed	4	1	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	19
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Dismissed	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Improvidently granted – denied	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & dismissed	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Reversed & remanded	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	12
Reversed & remanded to trial court	1	1	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	16
Reversed & rendered	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	12
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Vacated & remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	12	5	9	14	6	2	3	5	1	0	0	2	6	11	76

Note: 15 cases were disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion.

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2015

County	Number	County	Number	County	Number	County	Number
Anderson	7	Ellis	1	Karnes	1	San Jacinto	3
Angelina	2	Fannin	1	Kaufman	5	San Saba	3
Atascosa	2	Fayette	1	Kendall	1	Shelby	2
Bailey	1	Foard	1	Lamar	1	Smith	3
Bastrop	1	Fort Bend	8	Lee	1	Somervell	1
Bell	2	Franklin	2	Leon	1	Starr	2
Bexar	41	Frio	1	Liberty	2	Tarrant	46
Borden	1	Galveston	14	Limestone	2	Terry	1
Brazoria	6	Garza	1	Lipscomb	2	Titus	1
Brazos	10	Gillespie	2	Lubbock	8	Tom Green	1
Brooks	1	Goliad	4	Madison	2	Travis	79
Burleson	1	Grayson	4	Martin	1	Trinity	1
Burnet	1	Gregg	7	Maverick	1	Tyler	2
Calhoun	2	Grimes	2	McLennan	3	Uvalde	2
Cameron	7	Guadalupe	1	McMullen	1	Van Zandt	3
Castro	2	Hamilton	1	Midland	4	Victoria	1
Cherokee	1	Hardeman	1	Montague	1	Walker	3
Cochran	1	Harris	158	Montgomery	32	Waller	2
Collin	24	Harrison	3	Navarro	1	Washington	1
Collingsworth	1	Hays	1	Nueces	7	Webb	6
Comal	3	Hemphill	2	Orange	2	Wharton	1
Comanche	1	Henderson	3	Palo Pinto	3	Wichita	1
Concho	1	Hidalgo	17	Parker	6	Wilbarger	1
Crockett	1	Hood	1	Pecos	5	Williamson	1
Dallas	105	Hopkins	1	Polk	1	Wilson	1
De Witt	2	Howard	1	Potter	5	Winkler	2
Denton	20	Hutchinson	1	Rains	1	Wood	2
Dimmit	2	Jackson	1	Randall	3	Young	1
Duval	2	Jasper	2	Refugio	1	Zapata	1
Eastland	1	Jefferson	12	Roberts	3	Zavala	1
Ector	2	Jim Wells	3	Robertson	1		
Edwards	1	Johnson	3	Runnels	1		
El Paso	31	Jones	5	Rusk	2		

TOTAL = **838**

Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by Court of Appeals: FY 2015

		Total Disposed in FY 2015										
Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2015	Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Other Disposition	Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted					
1 st Houston	90	10	82	2	2	97	10.3%					
2 nd Fort Worth	62	4	49	2	0	55	7.3%					
3 rd Austin	85	12	51	3	3	69	17.4%					
4 th San Antonio	74	14	65	1	1	81	17.3%					
5 th Dallas	134	5	114	6	1	126	4.0%					
6 th Texarkana	18	2	12	1	1	16	12.5%					
7 th Amarillo	46	4	31	1	0	36	11.1%					
8 th El Paso	46	6	29	1	1	38	15.8%					
9 th Beaumont	47	1	28	1	1	31	3.2%					
10 th Waco	25	1	21	1	0	23	4.3%					
11 th Eastland	24	0	19	0	0	19	0.0%					
12 th Tyler	25	2	23	0	0	25	8.0%					
13 th Corpus Christi	53	7	40	1	1	49	14.3%					
14th Houston	109	9	87	4	4	104	8.7%					
Not Associated	1	0	1	0	0	1	0.0%					
Totals	839	77	652	24	15	770	10.0%					