

SUPREME COURT DOCKET ACTIVITY: FY 2000 - 2004

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	116	119	118	115	99
Other Than Regular Causes	1,391	1,296	1,288	1,260	1,103
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	7	5	7	14	9
Motions	1,720	1,642	1,778	2,761	1,607
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	111	118	112	101	109
Other Than Regular Causes	1,397	1,287	1,302	1,261	1,051
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	5	10	4	13	11
Motions	1,672	1,600	1,812	2,775	1,517
Pending at the End of the FY					
Regular Causes	61	63	62	79	75
Other Than Regular Causes	370	380	371	377	425
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	6	1	4	5	3
Motions	104	147	126	121	212

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 DETAILED DOCKET ACTIVITY: FY 2004

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2003²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2004</i>	
REGULAR CAUSES						
Granted Petitions for Review		83		96		
Accepted Petitions for Writs of Mandamus		8		7		
Granted Rehearings of Causes		3		3		
Motions for Rehearing of Causes		3		1		
Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus		1		0		
Accepted Certified Question		1		2		
Parental Notification Appeals		0		0		
Direct Appeals		0		0		
Total for Regular Causes	85	99	184	109	75	
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES						
Petitions for Review	313	810	1,123	791	332	
Mandamus	58	268	326	237	89	
Habeas Corpus	2	21	23	20	3	
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	1	1	1	0	
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0	
Petitions for Certiorari	0	0	0	0	0	
Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0	
Petitions for Temporary Injunctions	0	0	0	0	0	
Parental Notification Waiver	0	0	0	0	0	
Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0	
Multidistrict Litigation	0	3	3	2	1	
Total for Other than Regular Causes	373	1,103	1,476	1,051	425	
MOTIONS						
Rehearing of	Causes	8	26	34	23	11
	Petitions for Review	12	187	199	177	22
	Mandamus: Civil	0	43	43	33	10
	Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0
	Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0
	Direct Appeals	0	3	3	2	1
	Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
	Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	0	0	0	0
	Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Motions ³	102	1,348	1,450	1,282	168	
Total for Motions	122	1,607	1,729	1,517	212	
OTHER ACTIONS						
Disciplinary Actions		5	9	14	11	3
TOTAL FOR ALL	585	2,818	3,403	2,688	715	

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 Includes Motions for Extension of Time to File.

FINAL DISPOSITION OF REGULAR CAUSES: FY 2004

Granted Petitions for Review

Affirmed	15
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	2
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	1
Affirmed in part & reversed in part & judgment rendered	7
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & remanded	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, judgment rendered & remanded	3
Affirmed in part, vacated in part, reversed in part, & judgment rendered in part	2
Granted	4
Reversed & dismissed	2
Reversed & remanded	8
Reversed & remanded to Public Utility Commission	2
Reversed & remanded for settlement	1
Reversed & remanded to trial court	12
Reversed & rendered	31
Reversed & trial court affirmed	1
Dismissed	2
Modified and affirmed	1
Improvident grant denied	1
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	96

Certified Questions

Accepted	2
TOTAL: Certified Questions	2

Granted Rehearings of Causes

Granted	1
Reversed and remanded to trial court	2
TOTAL: Granted Rehearings of Causes	3

Motions for Rehearing of Causes

Denied	1
TOTAL: Motions for Rehearings of Causes	1

TOTAL DISPOSITIONS: 109

Accepted Petitions for Writs of Mandamus

Conditionally granted	3
Denied	2
Dismissed	2
TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	7

DISPOSITION OF OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES: FY 2004

	<i>Initial Review Granted / Accepted</i>	<i>Review Refused/ Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Dismissed w/o Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Transfer- red</i>	<i>With- drawn</i>	<i>Other Dismissals</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review	82	646	16	6	4	32	2	2	1	791
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus: Civil	13	180	26	0	1	10	5	0	2	237
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	1	17	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	20
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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
Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parental Notification Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	9*	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	11
TOTAL FOR ALL	107	844	43	7	5	42	7	2	5	1,062

NOTE: * Affirmed

		<i>Dismissed</i>							<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
		<i>Denied</i>	<i>Granted</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>WOJ</i>	<i>Returned</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Transferred</i>	<i>Dismissals</i>	
Rehearing of	Causes	21	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
	Petitions for Review	170	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	177
	Mandamus	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	33
	Direct Appeals	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Motions for Extension of Time to File		11	446	0	0	0	0	0	3	460
Miscellaneous Motions Passed On by Court		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	822
TOTAL		236	455	1	0	0	0	0	3	1,282

OPINIONS DELIVERED BY THE SUPREME COURT: FY 2004

Majority Opinions	55
Per Curiam Opinions	31
Concurring	19
Dissenting	12
Concurring and Dissenting	2
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	2
On Motion for Rehearing	0
Other Opinions	1
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED	122

OPINIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT: FY 2004

<i>Justices</i>	<i>Majority Opinions</i>	<i>Per Curiam Opinions</i>	<i>Concurring Opinions</i>	<i>Dissenting Opinions</i>	<i>Concurring and Dissenting</i>	<i>Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam</i>	<i>Other Opinions</i>	<i>Total</i>
Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips	11	4	0	1	0	0	0	16
Justice Nathan L. Hecht	6	6	6	2	0	1	0	21
Justice Craig T. Enoch ⁴	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Justice Priscilla R. Owen	7	4	0	1	1	0	1	14
Justice Harriet O' Neill	7	5	6	0	1	0	0	19
Justice Wallace B. Jefferson	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
Justice Michael H. Schneider	4	5	2	2	0	0	0	13
Justice Steven W. Smith	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	8
Justice Dale Wainwright	5	3	2	1	0	0	0	11
Justice Scott A. Brister	6	2	1	2	0	1	0	12
TOTAL	55	31	19	12	2	2	1	122

⁴ Justice Craig T. Enoch retired October 1, 2003.

**ACTION BY THE SUPREME COURT IN GRANTED PETITIONS FOR REVIEW
BY COURT OF APPEALS: FY 2004**

	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH	8 TH	9 TH	10 TH	11 TH	12 TH	13 TH	14 TH	Total
OPINIONS ISSUED															
Court of Appeals ruling is:															
Affirmed	4	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	15
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & judgment rendered	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	7
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, judgment rendered & remanded	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & remanded	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed in part, vacated in part, reversed in part, & judgment rendered in part	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Granted per curiam	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Modified and affirmed	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & dismissed	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed & remanded	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	8
Reversed & remanded to Public Utility Commission	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed & remanded for settlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & remanded to trial court	0	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	12
Reversed & rendered	3	1	2	4	3	1	5	0	1	1	0	0	6	4	31
Reversed & trial court affirmed	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW DISPOSED															
Dismissed	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Improvident grant dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Granted – case settled by agreement of the parties	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	8	8	8	9	7	11	6	0	5	4	3	1	17	9	96

PETITIONS FOR REVIEW FILED BY COUNTY: FY 2004

<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>
Harris	152	Walker	5	Erath	2	Hale	1
Dallas	105	Freestone	4	Henderson	2	Harrison	1
Bexar	57	Taylor	4	Hopkins	2	Hill	1
Travis	56	Williamson	4	Jasper	2	Hockley	1
Tarrant	51	Angelina	3	Kerr	2	Houston	1
Montgomery	17	Bowie	3	Liberty	2	Hunt	1
Nueces	17	Burnet	3	Matagorda	2	Hutchinson	1
Hidalgo	16	Ector	3	San Patricio	2	Jackson	1
Jefferson	16	Fannin	3	Titus	2	Karnes	1
Galveston	15	Fort Bend	3	Van Zandt	2	Kleberg	1
Denton	13	Johnson	3	Ward	2	Lamar	1
El Paso	13	Kaufman	3	Aransas	1	Leon	1
McLennan	12	Medina	3	Austin	1	McCulloch	1
Smith	10	Montague	3	Bailey	1	Nacogdoches	1
Collin	9	Morris	3	Bee	1	Navarro	1
Potter	8	Polk	3	Brown	1	Newton	1
Anderson	7	Randall	3	Caldwell	1	Orange	1
Cameron	7	Starr	3	Cherokee	1	Panola	1
Hardin	7	Tyler	3	Colorado	1	Red River	1
Lubbock	7	De Witt	3	Comal	1	Rockwall	1
Rusk	7	Upshur	3	Coryell	1	San Jacinto	1
Webb	7	Victoria	3	Dallam	1	Shelby	1
Grayson	6	Wichita	3	Eastland	1	Terry	1
Gregg	6	Wood	3	Ellis	1	Washington	1
Jim Wells	6	Andrews	2	Fayette	1	Wharton	1
Parker	6	Bastrop	2	Frio	1	Wise	1
Brazos	5	Blanco	2	Gaines	1		
Limestone	5	Burleson	2	Gray	1		
Midland	5	Duval	2	Guadalupe	1		

GRAND TOTAL = 810

**PETITIONS FOR REVIEW FILED BY
COURT OF APPEALS: FY 2004**

<i>Court of Appeals</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Court of Appeals</i>	<i>Filed</i>
1 st Houston	84	8 th El Paso	30
2 nd Fort Worth	71	9 th Beaumont	39
3 rd Austin	72	10 th Waco	35
4 th San Antonio	87	11 th Eastland	21
5 th Dallas	110	12 th Tyler	40
6 th Texarkana	40	13 th Corpus Christi	58
7 th Amarillo	35	14 th Houston	88

TOTAL = 810