

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2012 - 2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	114	94	93	91	100
Other Than Regular Causes	1,100	1,118	1,118	1,175	1,095
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	10	14	7	7	4
Motions	2,063	1,748	2,189	2,477	2,285
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	112	100	96	114	102
Other Than Regular Causes	1,089	1,155	1,121	1,102	1,085
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	8	9	13	10	3
Motions	1,996	1,884	2,173	2,326	2,289
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	54	48	45	22	20
Other Than Regular Causes	441	400	400	472	485
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	9	4	2	3

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 2016

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2015²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2016</i>	
REGULAR CAUSES						
Granted Petitions for Review	13	87	100	80	20	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	1	11	12	12	0	
Granted Rehearings of Causes	0	1	1	1	0	
Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0	
U.S. Certified Question	4	1	5	5	0	
Parental Notification Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Direct Appeals	4	0	4	4	0	
Disciplinary Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Reinstated Cause	0	0	0	0	0	
Total for Regular Causes	22	100	122	102	20	
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2015³</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2016</i>	
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES						
Petitions for Review	400	814	1,214	799	415	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	61	177	238	182	56	
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	1	10	11	9	2	
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	1	2	3	3	0	
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Certified Questions	0	1	1	1	0	
U.S. Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0	
Petitions for Certiorari	0	0	0	0	0	
Petitions for Temporary Injunctions	0	0	0	0	0	
Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto	0	1	1	1	0	
Parental Notification Waiver	0	0	0	0	0	
Emergency Stays	10	85	95	84	11	
Multidistrict Litigation	2	5	7	6	1	
Total for Other than Regular Causes	475	1,095	1,570	1,085	485	
MOTIONS						
Rehearing of	Causes	17	28	45	26	19
	Petitions for Review	29	173	202	173	29
	Mandamus: Civil	4	27	31	29	2
	Habeas Corpus	1	3	4	4	0
	Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0
	Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	1	1	0
	Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
	Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
	Multidistrict Litigation	0	1	1	1	0
	Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	8	8	8	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	12	725	737	731	6	
Miscellaneous Motions	---	1,319	1,319	1,316	---	
Total for Motions	63	2,285	2,348	2,289	56	
OTHER ACTIONS						
Disciplinary Actions	2	4	6	3	3	
TOTAL FOR ALL	562	3,484	4,046	3,479	564	

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.

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Final Disposition of Regular Causes: FY 2016

Granted Petitions for Review		Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	
Affirmed	14	Abated	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	1	Conditionally granted	10
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	1	Denied	<u>1</u>
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	3	TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	12
Improvidentally granted – denied	1	U.S. Certified Question	
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	1	Answered	4
Reversed & dismissed	2	Withdrawn	<u>1</u>
Reversed & dismissed for want of jurisdiction	1	TOTAL: U.S. Certified Question	5
Reversed & remanded	14	Granted Rehearing of Cause	
Reversed & remanded to trial court	16	Court of appeals judgment reversed & judgment rendered	<u>1</u>
Reversed & remanded to trial court for settlement	1	TOTAL: Reinstated Cause	1
Reversed & rendered	17	Direct Appeal	
Vacated & remanded	1	Trial court affirmed in part & reversed in part	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	<u>7</u>	Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	<u>3</u>
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	80	TOTAL: Direct Appeal	4
		TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	
		102	

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2016

	<i>Initial Review Granted / Accepted</i>	<i>Set to Argue</i>	<i>Review Refused/ Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Consoli -dated</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Trans- ferred</i>	<i>With- drawn</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review	91	0	638	39	11	1	19	0	0	799
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	3	8	154	12	1	0	4	0	0	182
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	9
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Certified Questions	1*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
U.S. 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
Parental Notification Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions for Writ of Quo Warranto	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Emergency Stays	18	0	57	9	0	0	0	0	0	84
Multidistrict Litigation	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	3*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL FOR ALL	120	8	860	63	12	1	24	0	0	1,088

* Answered

** Affirmed

Disposition of Motions: FY 2016

	<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Consoli- dated</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Trans- ferred</i>	<i>With- drawn</i>	<i>Total</i>
Causes	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Petitions for Review	3	167	0	1	0	1	0	1	173
Mandamus: Civil	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Habeas Corpus	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Motions for Extension of Time to File	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Motions for Extension of Time to File	687	26	3	13	0	1	0	0	731
Miscellaneous Motions	1,219	68	28	1	0	0	0	0	1,316
TOTAL	1,912	326	32	15	0	2	0	1	2,288

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2016

Majority Opinions	65
Per Curiam Opinions	28
Concurring	15
Dissenting	18
Concurring and Dissenting	2
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	0
On Motion for Rehearing	0
Other Opinions	5
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED	133

Opinions of the Supreme Court: FY 2016

<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>On Motion for Rehearing</i>	<i>Other Opinions</i>	<i>Total</i>
Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht	11	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	20
Justice Paul W. Green	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
Justice Phil Johnson	4	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	12
Justice Don R. Willett	8	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	14
Justice Eva M. Guzman	6	4	4	1	1	0	0	1	17
Justice Debra H. Lehrmann	7	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	11
Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd	6	1	3	8	0	0	0	0	18
Justice John P. Devine	10	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	17
Justice Jeff V. Brown	8	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	14
TOTAL	65	28	15	18	2	0	0	5	133

**Action by the Supreme Court
in Granted Petitions For Review & Rehearing of Causes
By Court of Appeals: FY 2016**

	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	0	2	4	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	14
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & 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 & rendered	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Improvidently granted – denied	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & dismissed	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed & dismissed for want of jurisdiction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Reversed & remanded	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	3	1	3	1	1	0	0	14
Reversed & remanded to trial court	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	3	3	16
Reversed & remanded to trial court for settlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Reversed & rendered	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	4	3	17
Vacated & remanded	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	4	5	8	5	7	0	5	7	3	4	2	4	8	11	80*

*Note: 7 cases were disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion.

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2016

<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>
Anderson	1	El Paso	14	Karnes	4	Reeves	3
Angelina	1	Ellis	2	Kaufman	2	Robertson	2
Atascosa	1	Erath	1	Kendall	1	Rockwall	2
Bandera	3	Fannin	1	Kimble	1	Rusk	2
Bastrop	1	Fayette	1	Kleberg	1	San Augustine	1
Bee	3	Fort Bend	18	La Salle	1	San Saba	1
Bell	3	Gaines	1	Lamar	1	Shelby	1
Bexar	59	Galveston	10	Lampasas	1	Smith	5
Blanco	1	Gillespie	1	Lavaca	1	Starr	4
Bosque	1	Goliad	1	Lee	1	Tarrant	43
Brazoria	4	Grayson	2	Leon	1	Taylor	2
Brazos	7	Gregg	4	Liberty	2	Tom Green	1
Brooks	1	Grimes	2	Limestone	4	Travis	79
Brown	1	Guadalupe	3	Live Oak	1	Upshur	2
Burleson	1	Hamilton	1	Loving	2	Van Zandt	2
Calhoun	1	Hansford	1	Lubbock	4	Victoria	2
Cameron	12	Harris	135	Maverick	1	Walker	2
Chambers	3	Harrison	2	McLennan	2	Waller	1
Cherokee	1	Haskell	1	McMullen	1	Ward	4
Childress	2	Hays	3	Midland	3	Washington	2
Collin	26	Henderson	3	Montague	1	Webb	6
Colorado	1	Hidalgo	17	Montgomery	13	Wharton	1
Comal	7	Hopkins	1	Nacogdoches	3	Wheeler	1
Crosby	1	Houston	1	Navarro	4	Willacy	2
Dallam	1	Hunt	2	Nueces	13	Williamson	7
Dallas	120	Hutchinson	1	Palo Pinto	2	Wilson	2
Dawson	1	Jackson	1	Panola	1	Wise	1
De Witt	1	Jasper	1	Parker	3	Zavala	1
Denton	18	Jefferson	16	Pecos	3		
Dimmit	1	Jim Hogg	1	Polk	1		
Donley	1	Jim Wells	2	Potter	5		
Ector	4	Johnson	2	Randall	4		
Edwards	1	Jones	1	Red River	1		

TOTAL = 814

Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by Court of Appeals: FY 2016

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2016	Total Disposed in FY 2016				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Other Disposition</i>		
1 st Houston	93	4	70	3	5	82	4.9%
2 nd Fort Worth	53	5	38	5	4	52	9.6%
3 rd Austin	90	12	70	7	0	89	13.5%
4 th San Antonio	92	8	73	3	4	88	9.1%
5 th Dallas	150	10	125	5	1	141	7.1%
6 th Texarkana	21	1	18	2	0	21	4.8%
7 th Amarillo	42	7	36	1	2	46	15.2%
8 th El Paso	29	6	18	0	4	28	21.4%
9 th Beaumont	26	4	35	2	0	41	9.8%
10 th Waco	19	3	15	2	1	21	14.3%
11 th Eastland	20	2	17	1	0	20	10.0%
12 th Tyler	19	7	7	1	0	15	46.7%
13 th Corpus Christi	68	8	42	4	7	61	13.1%
14 th Houston	91	14	73	3	3	93	15.1%
Not Associated	1	0	1	0	0	1	0.0%
Totals	814	91	638	39	31	799	11.4%