

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2003 - 2007

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	115	99	150	142	158
Other Than Regular Causes	1,260	1,103	1,082	1,164	1,080
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	14	9	3	3	6
Motions	2,761	1,607	1,730	1,767	1,807
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	101	109	136	133	144
Other Than Regular Causes	1,261	1,051	1,098	1,092	1,189
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	13	11	8	4	4
Motions	2,775	1,517	1,748	1,711	1,824
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	79	75	88	93	106
Other Than Regular Causes	377	425	449	528	418
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	5	3	1	0	3
Motions	121	212	198	255	238

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 2007

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2006²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2007</i>
REGULAR CAUSES					
Granted Petitions for Review		125		111	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus		27		26	
Granted Rehearings of Causes		3		3	
Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus		1		1	
Accepted Certified Question		2		3	
Parental Notification Appeals		0		0	
Direct Appeals		0		0	
Total for Regular Causes	92	158	250	144	106
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES					
Petitions for Review	432	831	1,263	919	344
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	92	231	323	252	71
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	1	9	10	10	0
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	3	3	2	1
Direct Appeals	1	3	4	3	1
Certified Questions	1	2	3	2	1
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	1	1	1	0
Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0
Total for Other than Regular Causes	527	1,080	1,607	1,189	418
MOTIONS					
Causes	14	30	44	41	3
Petitions for Review	23	185	208	190	18
Mandamus: Civil	5	27	32	30	2
Habeas Corpus	0	2	2	2	0
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeal	0	2	2	2	0
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	5	5	5	0
Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0
Rule 24.4	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Motions ³	213	1,556	1,769	1,554	215
Total for Motions	255	1,807	2,062	1,824	238
OTHER ACTIONS					
Disciplinary Actions	1	6	7	4	3
TOTAL FOR ALL	875	3,051	3,926	3,161	765

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 2007

Granted Petitions for Review		Granted Rehearing of Cause	
Affirmed	6	Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & remanded	1
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	1	Reversed & remanded to trial court	1
Affirmed in part & modified in part	1	Vacated & remanded to trial court	1
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	1	TOTAL: Rehearing of Cause	3
Affirmed in part & reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	2	Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	3	Conditionally granted	21
Denied – improvident grant	1	Denied	1
Dismissed	3	Dismissed – settled	3
Modified & remanded to trial court	1	Withdrawn	1
Remanded	1	TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	26
Reversed & dismissed	1	Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	2	Conditionally granted	1
Reversed & remanded	18	TOTAL: Habeas Corpus	1
Reversed & remanded for settlement	9	Accepted Certified Question	
Reversed & remanded to trial court	19	Answered	2
Reversed & remanded to trial court for settlement	1	Dismissed – moot	1
Reversed & rendered	30	TOTAL: Certified Question	3
Reversed & trial court affirmed	1	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	
Vacated & dismissed	1	144	
Vacated & remanded	2		
Vacated & remanded to trial court	1		
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	6		
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	111		

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2007

	<i>Initial Review Granted / Accepted</i>	<i>Set to Argue</i>	<i>Review Refused/ Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Dismissed w/o Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Trans- ferred</i>	<i>With- drawn</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review	138	0	711	15	11	3	38	3	0	919
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	16 ⁴	11	194	17	0	1	5	4	4	252
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	1	0	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	10
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Certified Questions	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
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	1 ⁵	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	3 ⁶	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL FOR ALL	161	11	914	35	13	4	43	8	4	1,193

⁴ Conditionally granted.

⁵ Affirmed.

⁶ Affirmed.

Disposition of Motions: FY 2007

		<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>			<i>Struck</i>	<i>Transferred</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>	<i>Total</i>
				<i>WOJ</i>	<i>Returned</i>					
Rehearing of	Causes	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
	Petitions for Review	7	182	1	0	0	0	0	0	190
	Mandamus: Civil	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
	Habeas Corpus	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Disciplinary Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Direct Appeal	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Motions for Extension of Time to File	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Motions for Extension of Time to File		439	23	2	1	0	7	0	0	472
Miscellaneous Motions Passed On by Court		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL		449	281	3	1	0	7	0	1	742

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2007

Majority Opinions	62
Per Curiam Opinions	69
Concurring	11
Dissenting	19
Concurring and Dissenting	7
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	2
On Motion for Rehearing	0
Other Opinions	0
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED	170

Opinions of the Supreme Court: FY 2007

<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 Wallace Jefferson	11	3	2	2	1	0	0	19
Justice Nathan L. Hecht	8	17	2	2	2	1	0	32
Justice Harriet O' Neill	6	7	1	6	0	0	0	20
Justice Dale Wainwright	4	5	1	1	1	0	0	12
Justice Scott A. Brister	11	14	2	2	2	0	0	31
Justice David Medina	8	4	0	1	0	1	0	14
Justice Paul Green	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Justice Phil Johnson	6	7	3	3	1	0	0	20
Justice Don Willett	7	9	0	2	0	0	0	18
TOTAL	62	69	11	19	7	2	0	170

Action by the Supreme Court in Granted Petitions For Review By Court of Appeals: FY 2007

	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	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	6
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed in part & modified in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & rendered	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Modified & remanded to trial court	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed & remanded	1	0	4	1	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	4	18
Reversed & remanded for settlement	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	9
Reversed & remanded to trial court	0	2	0	1	5	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	2	19
Reversed & remanded to trial court for settlement	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & rendered	4	1	0	2	2	3	2	0	1	7	0	2	6	0	30
Reversed & trial court affirmed	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vacated & dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vacated & remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Vacated & remanded to trial court	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW DISPOSED															
Denied – improvident grant	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
TOTAL	8	8	12	7	11	5	6	3	9	12	2	4	18	6	111

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2007

<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>
Andrews	1	Erath	1	Johnson	3	Rusk	2
Angelina	2	Fannin	1	Jones	2	San Jacinto	3
Aransas	2	Fayette	1	Karnes	2	San Patricio	2
Atascosa	2	Fort Bend	7	Kenedy	1	Scurry	1
Austin	2	Freestone	2	Kerr	2	Smith	3
Bandera	5	Galveston	15	Knox	1	Somervell	1
Bastrop	2	Gillespie	2	La Salle	2	Starr	2
Bee	1	Gonzales	2	Limestone	1	Tarrant	48
Bell	3	Gray	1	Live Oak	1	Taylor	4
Bexar	42	Grayson	1	Loving	1	Terry	1
Bosque	1	Gregg	3	Lubbock	17	Titus	2
Bowie	5	Grimes	1	Mason	2	Tom Green	1
Brazoria	11	Hale	1	Maverick	2	Travis	40
Brazos	7	Hamilton	1	McLennan	10	Upshur	3
Brewster	3	Harris	166	McMullen	1	Van Zandt	3
Burnet	4	Harrison	3	Midland	10	Victoria	4
Calhoun	6	Hartley	1	Montgomery	18	Walker	10
Cameron	13	Hays	2	Moore	2	Ward	1
Cass	1	Henderson	1	Nacogdoches	1	Webb	9
Collin	25	Hidalgo	20	Navarro	3	Wharton	1
Comal	2	Hill	2	Nueces	23	Wichita	3
Coryell	1	Hockley	2	Orange	3	Willacy	2
Dallas	80	Hopkins	1	Parker	3	Williamson	4
Denton	13	Houston	4	Polk	1	Wise	3
Duval	3	Hudspeth	1	Potter	7	Wood	3
Ector	8	Jackson	1	Randall	3	Young	3
Edwards	1	Jasper	3	Refugio	4	Zapata	3
El Paso	14	Jefferson	17	Robertson	4		
Ellis	3	Jim Wells	2	Rockwall	4		
GRAND TOTAL = 824⁷							

⁷ Two cases were not associated with a county.

**Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by
Court of Appeals: FY 2007**

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2007	Total Disposed in FY 2007				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Other Disposition		
1 st Houston	87	10	69	2	6	87	11.5%
2 nd Fort Worth	66	15	65	1	0	81	18.5%
3 rd Austin	56	9	59	2	4	74	12.2%
4 th San Antonio	83	7	63	2	3	75	9.3%
5 th Dallas	101	13	83	1	5	102	12.7%
6 th Texarkana	21	4	19	0	2	25	16.0%
7 th Amarillo	37	5	39	3	0	47	10.6%
8 th El Paso	25	9	13	3	4	29	31.0%
9 th Beaumont	43	2	36	1	1	40	5.0%
10 th Waco	52	10	47	1	1	59	16.9%
11 th Eastland	37	2	38	0	1	41	4.9%
12 th Tyler	17	2	18	1	0	21	9.5%
13 th Corpus Christi	88	34	65	3	8	110	30.9%
14 th Houston	110	16	96	5	9	126	12.7%
<i>Not associated with a court of appeals</i>	3	0	1	1	0	2	0.0%
Totals	826	138	711	26	44	919	15.0%