

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2005 - 2009

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	150	142	158	138	106
Other Than Regular Causes	1,082	1,164	1,080	1,086	1,132
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	3	3	6	5	7
Motions	1,730	1,767	1,807	1,876	2,070
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	136	133	144	164	125
Other Than Regular Causes	1,098	1,092	1,189	1,153	1,065
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	8	4	4	4	6
Motions	1,748	1,711	1,824	1,905	2,051
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	88	93	106	80	62
Other Than Regular Causes	449	528	418	355	424
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	1	0	3	4	5
Motions	198	255	238	210	63

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 2009

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2008²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2009</i>	
REGULAR CAUSES						
Granted Petitions for Review		84		94		
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus		20		26		
Granted Rehearings of Causes		0		1		
Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus		0		1		
Accepted Certified Question		1		1		
Parental Notification Appeals		0		0		
Direct Appeals		0		0		
Disciplinary Appeals		1		2		
Total for Regular Causes	81	106	187	125	62	
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2008³</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2009</i>	
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES						
Petitions for Review	303	835	1,138	787	351	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	53	273	326	255	71	
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	7	7	5	2	
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	2	2	2	0	
Direct Appeals	1	14	15	15	0	
Certified Questions	0	1	1	1	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	
Total for Other than Regular Causes	357	1,132	1,489	1,065	424	
MOTIONS						
Rehearing of	Causes	8	46	54	44	10
	Petitions for Review	22	180	202	185	17
	Mandamus: Civil	2	35	37	35	2
	Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0
	Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0
	Disciplinary Appeal	0	2	2	2	0
	Direct Appeal	0	2	2	2	0
	Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
	Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	6	6	6	0
	Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0
	Rule 24.4	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous Motions ⁴	12	1,799	1,811	1,777	34
Total for Motions	44	2,070	2,114	2,051	63	
OTHER ACTIONS						
Disciplinary Actions	4	7	11	6	5	
TOTAL FOR ALL	486	3,315	3,801	3,247	554	

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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⁴ Includes Motions for Extension of Time to File.

Final Disposition of Regular Causes: FY 2009

Granted Petitions for Review		Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	
Abated	1	Conditionally granted	20
Affirmed	7	Conditionally granted in part	3
Affirmed in part & reversed in part & rendered	1	Denied	3
Affirmed in part & reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	1	TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	<u>26</u>
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	6	Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	
Dismissed without jurisdiction	1	Granted	1
Modified & remanded to trial court	1	TOTAL: Habeas Corpus	<u>1</u>
Reversed & dismissed	5	Accepted Certified Question	
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	1	Answered	1
Reversed & remanded	11	TOTAL: Certified Question	<u>1</u>
Reversed & remanded to trial court	23	Disciplinary Appeal	
Reversed & rendered	16	Affirmed	2
Reversed & trial court judgment affirmed	2	TOTAL: Certified Question	<u>2</u>
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	2	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	3		<u>125</u>
Vacated & dismissed	1		
Vacated & remanded to trial court	1		
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	<u>11</u>		
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	<u>94</u>		
 Granted Rehearing of Cause			
Reversed & rendered	<u>1</u>		
TOTAL: Rehearing of Cause	<u>1</u>		

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2009

	<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	85	0	604	29	15	15	37	1	1	787
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	13 ⁵	4	204	11	8	0	12	3	0	255
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Direct Appeals	0	0	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	15
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
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
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	5 ⁶	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
TOTAL FOR ALL	104	5	816	54	23	15	49	4	1	1,071

⁵ Conditionally granted.

⁶ Affirmed.

Disposition of Motions: FY 2009

	<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>			<i>Struck</i>	<i>Trans-ferred</i>	<i>With-drawn</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Total</i>
			<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>WOJ</i>	<i>Returned</i>					
Rehearing of Causes	1	41	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	44
Petitions for Review	7	177	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	185
Mandamus: Civil	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Disciplinary Appeal	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Direct Appeal	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Motions for Extension of Time to File	511	18	7	0	0	4	1	0	4	545
Miscellaneous Motions Passed On by Court	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	519	281	9	0	0	4	1	1	4	819

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2009

Majority Opinions	76
Per Curiam Opinions	38
Concurring	17
Dissenting	30
Concurring and Dissenting	0
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	1
On Motion for Rehearing	1
Other Opinions	2
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED	165

Opinions of the Supreme Court: FY 2009

<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 Wallace Jefferson	10	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	16
Justice Nathan L. Hecht	7	1	2	5	0	1	1	0	17
Justice Harriet O' Neill	7	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	18
Justice Dale Wainwright	3	4	2	3	0	0	0	1	13
Justice Scott A. Brister	10	6	4	5	0	0	0	1	26
Justice David Medina	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
Justice Paul Green	10	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	22
Justice Phil Johnson	12	6	2	3	0	0	0	0	23
Justice Don Willett	9	2	5	2	0	0	0	0	18
Hon. Alan Waldrop	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	76	38	17	30	0	1	1	2	165

**Action by the Supreme Court
in Granted Petitions For Review & Rehearing of Causes
By Court of Appeals: FY 2009**

	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:															
Abated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	7
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & rendered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	6
Dismissed without jurisdiction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Modified & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & dismissed	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & remanded	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	11
Reversed & remanded to trial court	1	1	1	5	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	7	1	23
Reversed & rendered	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	6	1	17
Reversed & trial court judgment affirmed	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Vacated & dismissed	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vacated & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	4	11
TOTAL	10	3	3	13	10	3	6	4	5	4	1	1	22	10	95

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2009

<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	6	Eastland	1	Lampasas	1	San Augustine	1
Andrews	2	Ector	2	Lavaca	1	San Patricio	3
Angelina	2	El Paso	18	Liberty	2	San Saba	1
Aransas	3	Ellis	1	Limestone	2	Smith	12
Archer	2	Erath	1	Live Oak	1	Starr	3
Atascosa	3	Fannin	1	Llano	1	Stephens	1
Austin	1	Fort Bend	6	Loving	1	Swisher	1
Bandera	1	Gaines	2	Lubbock	6	Tarrant	46
Bastrop	2	Galveston	10	Lynn	1	Taylor	2
Bee	7	Gillespie	2	Matagorda	5	Titus	1
Bell	7	Gray	1	McCulloch	1	Tom Green	1
Bexar	50	Grayson	5	McLennan	7	Travis	87
Bowie	2	Gregg	3	McMullen	1	Trinity	1
Brazoria	14	Grimes	3	Medina	1	Tyler	1
Brazos	7	Hale	1	Midland	8	Upton	1
Briscoe	1	Hamilton	1	Milam	1	Uvalde	1
Brooks	2	Harris	150	Montague	2	Val Verde	1
Burnet	2	Harrison	7	Montgomery	13	Van Zandt	2
Calhoun	1	Hays	3	Newton	1	Victoria	4
Cameron	11	Henderson	2	Nueces	13	Walker	1
Carson	1	Hidalgo	13	Orange	5	Washington	1
Chambers	1	Hill	1	Palo Pinto	2	Webb	6
Childress	1	Hood	4	Parker	5	Wharton	1
Collin	21	Hutchinson	3	Parmer	1	Wichita	3
Collingsworth	1	Jasper	1	Pecos	1	Willacy	1
Comal	2	Jefferson	8	Polk	2	Williamson	2
Coryell	2	Johnson	3	Potter	5	Wise	1
Dallas	99	Jones	3	Randall	3	Yoakum	1
De Witt	2	Kaufman	3	Red River	1	Young	2
Deaf Smith	1	Kendall	2	Rockwall	2	Zapata	2
Denton	15	Kerr	1	Rusk	2	Zavala	1
Dimmit	1	Lamar	3	Sabine	2		

GRAND TOTAL = 830⁷

⁷ Five cases were not associated with a county.

Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by Court of Appeals: FY 2009

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2009	Total Disposed in FY 2009				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Other Disposition		
1 st Houston	97	8	66	1	7	82	9.8%
2 nd Fort Worth	76	5	66	5	9	85	5.9%
3 rd Austin	100	13	70	3	7	93	14.0%
4 th San Antonio	69	13	47	0	5	65	20.0%
5 th Dallas	122	9	91	5	14	119	7.6%
6 th Texarkana	26	0	19	2	1	22	0.0%
7 th Amarillo	40	4	35	1	3	43	9.3%
8 th El Paso	31	1	22	0	1	24	4.2%
9 th Beaumont	27	3	20	1	3	27	11.1%
10 th Waco	24	7	25	3	3	38	18.4%
11 th Eastland	26	1	15	0	1	17	5.9%
12 th Tyler	23	1	20	0	2	23	4.3%
13 th Corpus Christi	76	11	51	2	7	71	15.5%
14 th Houston	92	9	55	3	7	74	12.2%
<i>Not associated with a court of appeals</i>	6	0	2	2	0	4	0.0%
Totals	835	85	604	28	70	787	10.8%