

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2006 - 2010

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	142	158	138	106	128
Other Than Regular Causes	1,164	1,080	1,086	1,132	1,202
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	3	6	5	7	7
Motions	1,767	1,807	1,876	2,070	1,894
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	133	144	164	125	110
Other Than Regular Causes	1,092	1,189	1,153	1,065	1,223
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	4	4	6	6
Motions	1,711	1,824	1,905	2,051	1,892
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	93	106	80	62	83
Other Than Regular Causes	528	418	355	424	403
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	0	3	4	5	6
Motions	255	238	210	63	40

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 2010

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2009²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2010</i>
REGULAR CAUSES					
Granted Petitions for Review		95		84	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus		24		22	
Granted Rehearings of Causes		4		1	
Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus		2		4	
Accepted Certified Question		2		0	
Parental Notification Appeals		0		0	
Direct Appeals		0		0	
Disciplinary Appeals		1		1	
Total for Regular Causes	65	128	193	110	83
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2009³</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2010</i>
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES					
Petitions for Review	347	783	1,130	806	324
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	72	252	324	266	58
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	3	9	12	10	2
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	3	3	2	1
Direct Appeals	0	10	10	7	3
Certified Questions	0	2	2	2	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
Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto	0	1	1	1	0
Parental Notification Waiver	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	1	134	135	123	12
Multidistrict Litigation	1	8	9	6	3
Total for Other than Regular Causes	424	1,202	1,626	1,223	403
MOTIONS					
Rehearing of Causes	10	32	42	37	5
Petitions for Review	17	174	191	171	20
Mandamus: Civil	2	28	30	29	1
Habeas Corpus	0	1	1	0	1
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeal	0	1	1	1	0
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	2	2	1	1
Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0
Rule 24.4	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Motions ⁴	9	1,657	1,666	1,653	13
Total for Motions	38	1,894	1,932	1,892	40
OTHER ACTIONS					
Disciplinary Actions	5	7	12	6	6
TOTAL FOR ALL	532	3,231	3,763	3,231	532

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 2010

Granted Petitions for Review		Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	
Affirmed	5	Abated	1
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	1	Conditionally granted	17
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	1	Denied	2
Affirmed in part & reversed in part & rendered	4	Dismissed	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	8	TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	22
Improvidently granted	2	Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	
Reversed	1	Dismissed	2
Reversed & dismissed	2	TOTAL: Habeas Corpus	2
Reversed & remanded	14	Disciplinary Appeal	
Reversed & remanded to trial court	17	Dismissed	1
Reversed & rendered	16	TOTAL: Disciplinary Appeal	1
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	2	<hr/> TOTAL DISPOSITIONS: <hr/>	
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	1		
Vacated & remanded	1		
Vacated & remanded to trial court	1		
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	8		
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	84		
 Granted Rehearing of Cause			
Affirmed	1		
TOTAL: Rehearing of Cause	1		

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2010

	<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	97	0	627	40	5	1	36	0	0	806
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	13 ⁵	11	197	25	2	3	15	0	0	266
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	10
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Direct Appeals	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	7
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	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	34	0	84	5	0	0	0	0	0	123
Multidistrict Litigation	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	1 ⁶	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
TOTAL FOR ALL	149	12	922	82	9	4	51	0	0	1,229

⁵ Conditionally granted.

⁶ Affirmed.

Disposition of Motions: FY 2010

	Granted	Denied	Dismissed		Returned	Struck	Trans-ferred	With-drawn	Abated	Total
			WOJ							
Causes	5	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Rehearing of Petitions for Review	2	168	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	171
Mandamus: Civil	0	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Disciplinary Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Motions for Extension of Time to File	498	19	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	526
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	505	250	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	766

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2010

Majority Opinions	53
Per Curiam Opinions	40
Concurring	8
Dissenting	13
Concurring and Dissenting	3
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	0
On Motion for Rehearing	1
Other Opinions	0
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED	118

Opinions of the Supreme Court: FY 2010

<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	8	6	0	3	1	0	0	0	18
Justice Nathan L. Hecht	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Justice Harriet O' Neill	5	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	13
Justice Dale Wainwright	2	5	1	3	1	0	0	0	12
Justice David Medina	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	9
Justice Paul Green	12	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	24
Justice Phil Johnson	6	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	15
Justice Don Willett	8	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	15
Justice Eva Guzman	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
TOTAL	53	40	8	13	3	0	1	0	118

**Action by the Supreme Court
in Granted Petitions For Review & Rehearing of Causes
By Court of Appeals: FY 2010**

	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	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
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	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	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	4
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	8
Improviently granted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed & remanded	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	14
Reversed & remanded to trial court	3	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	1	17
Reversed & rendered	1	0	3	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	16
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vacated & remanded	0	0	1	0	0	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	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	8
TOTAL	12	3	7	8	11	3	3	3	2	8	2	2	10	11	85

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2010

<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	7	Erath	2	La Salle	1	Somervell	1
Andrews	1	Fannin	2	Lamar	1	Starr	3
Angelina	4	Fayette	1	Lee	1	Stephens	2
Atascosa	1	Fort Bend	10	Liberty	2	Swisher	1
Bastrop	1	Franklin	1	Live Oak	1	Tarrant	44
Bee	2	Freestone	2	Loving	1	Taylor	3
Bell	3	Galveston	10	Lubbock	11	Travis	73
Bexar	47	Gillespie	2	Madison	2	Trinity	1
Bowie	1	Gray	1	Marion	1	Uvalde	1
Brazoria	9	Grayson	3	Maverick	1	Van Zandt	1
Brazos	3	Gregg	7	McCulloch	1	Victoria	4
Brooks	2	Grimes	1	McLennan	5	Walker	7
Brown	1	Guadalupe	1	Medina	3	Waller	2
Burleson	1	Hale	1	Midland	6	Ward	1
Calhoun	1	Hamilton	1	Montague	2	Webb	3
Cameron	14	Harris	136	Montgomery	18	Wharton	2
Collin	8	Harrison	1	Nacogdoches	1	Wichita	7
Comal	1	Hartley	1	Nueces	22	Wilbarger	1
Comanche	1	Hays	7	Orange	2	Williamson	9
Concho	1	Hemphill	2	Palo Pinto	1	Wise	3
Coryell	3	Hidalgo	16	Parker	1	Wood	2
Crockett	2	Hood	1	Parmer	2	Zapata	1
Dallam	1	Hopkins	2	Pecos	1		
Dallas	81	Hunt	2	Potter	4		
Dawson	1	Jack	1	Randall	4		
De Witt	2	Jefferson	19	Refugio	2		
Deaf Smith	1	Jim Wells	1	Rockwall	1		
Denton	14	Johnson	6	Rusk	2		
Duval	3	Jones	1	Sabine	1		
Ector	2	Karnes	3	San Jacinto	4		
El Paso	25	Kaufman	6	Scurry	2		
Ellis	2	Kleberg	2	Smith	6		

GRAND TOTAL = 783

Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by Court of Appeals: FY 2010

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2010	Total Disposed in FY 2010				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Other Disposition		
1 st Houston	95	9	80	5	4	98	9.2%
2 nd Fort Worth	71	2	57	5	4	68	2.9%
3 rd Austin	97	13	72	6	2	93	14.0%
4 th San Antonio	73	10	58	1	5	74	13.5%
5 th Dallas	97	15	82	8	6	111	13.5%
6 th Texarkana	19	2	17	2	2	23	8.7%
7 th Amarillo	29	3	29	1	1	34	8.8%
8 th El Paso	36	4	25	1	1	31	12.9%
9 th Beaumont	40	3	31	2	3	39	7.7%
10 th Waco	26	5	20	0	1	26	19.2%
11 th Eastland	27	3	23	2	3	31	9.7%
12 th Tyler	22	3	8	1	3	15	20.0%
13 th Corpus Christi	70	14	53	3	5	75	18.7%
14 th Houston	81	10	70	2	2	84	11.9%
<i>Not associated with a court of appeals</i>	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.0%
Totals	783	96	627	39	42	804	11.9%