

## Supreme Court Activity: FY 2007 - 2011

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Causes/Cases Added</b>					
Regular Causes <sup>1</sup>	158	138	106	128	106
Other Than Regular Causes	1,080	1,086	1,132	1,202	1,125
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	6	5	7	7	4
Motions	1,807	1,876	2,070	1,894	1,984
<b>Dispositions</b>					
Regular Causes	144	164	125	110	137
Other Than Regular Causes	1,189	1,153	1,065	1,223	1,102
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	4	6	6	8
Motions	1,824	1,905	2,051	1,892	1,965
<b>Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year</b>					
Regular Causes	106	80	62	83	52
Other Than Regular Causes	418	355	424	403	424
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	3	4	5	6	2

NOTE: Data for prior fiscal years are from the respective *Annual Reports of the Texas Judicial System*.

<sup>1</sup> "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 2011

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2010<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2011</i>
<b>REGULAR CAUSES</b>					
Granted Petitions for Review		91		115	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus		12		14	
Granted Rehearings of Causes		0		3	
Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus		0		0	
Accepted Certified Question		3		5	
Parental Notification Appeals		0		0	
Direct Appeals		0		0	
Disciplinary Appeals		0		0	
<b>Total for Regular Causes</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>52</b>
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2010<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2011</i>
<b>OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES</b>					
Petitions for Review	324	793	1,117	778	339
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	57	215	272	208	64
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	2	7	9	6	3
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	1	1	2	2	0
Direct Appeals	3	7	10	8	2
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	0	0	0	0
Parental Notification Waiver	0	1	1	1	0
Emergency Stays	11	97	108	94	14
Multidistrict Litigation	3	2	5	3	2
<b>Total for Other than Regular Causes</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>424</b>
<b>MOTIONS</b>					
Rehearing of Causes	5	43	48	39	9
Petitions for Review	20	185	205	191	14
Mandamus: Civil	1	38	39	33	6
Habeas Corpus	1	1	2	2	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
Motions for Extension of Time to File	1	10	11	11	0
Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0
Rule 24.4	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Motions <sup>4</sup>	---	1,706	1,706	1,688	---
<b>Total for Motions</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>2,012</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIONS</b>					
Disciplinary Actions	6	4	10	8	2
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>3,737</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>507</b>

<sup>2</sup> 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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<sup>4</sup> Includes Motions for Extension of Time to File.

## Final Disposition of Regular Causes: FY 2011

### Granted Petitions for Review

Abated	1
Affirmed	12
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	2
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	2
Affirmed in part & reversed in part & rendered	2
Aff. in part, rev. in part & remanded to Public Utility Comm.	2
Dismissed	2
Improvidently granted	1
Modified in part & affirmed in part	1
Reversed	1
Reversed & dismissed	4
Reversed & remanded	23
Reversed & remanded to trial court	25
Reversed & rendered	14
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	4
Vacated & dismissed	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	18
<b>TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review</b>	<b>115</b>

### Granted Rehearing of Cause

Reversed in part, affirmed in part, rendered in part & remanded	1
Reversed and rendered	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	1
<b>TOTAL: Rehearing of Cause</b>	<b>3</b>

### Petitions for Writs of Mandamus

Conditionally granted	13
Dismissed	1
<b>TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus</b>	<b>14</b>

### Accepted Certified Question

Abated	1
Dismissed	1
Question answered	3
<b>TOTAL: Disciplinary Appeal</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:</b>	<b>137</b>
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## Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2011

	<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	101	0	615	27	4	1	30	0	0	778
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	6 <sup>5</sup>	7	158	20	8	0	9	0	0	208
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
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 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Petitions for Writ of Quo Warranto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	24	0	66	4	0	0	0	0	0	94
Multidistrict Litigation	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	5 <sup>7</sup>	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	8
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,110</b>

<sup>5</sup> Conditionally granted.

<sup>6</sup> Affirmed.

<sup>7</sup> Affirmed.

## Disposition of Motions: FY 2011

	<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>		<i>Returned</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Conso- lidated</i>	<i>With- drawn</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Total</i>
			<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>WOJ</i>						
Rehearing of Causes	2	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>39</b>
Petitions for Review	7	184	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>191</b>
Mandamus: Civil	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>33</b>
Habeas Corpus	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>11</b>
Motions for Extension of Time to File	532	23	9	0	0	0	1	0	2	<b>567</b>
Miscellaneous Motions Passed On by Court	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>n/a</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>844</b>

## Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2011

Majority Opinions	74
Per Curiam Opinions	38
Concurring	16
Dissenting	28
Concurring and Dissenting	5
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	1
On Motion for Rehearing	0
Other Opinions	0
<b>TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED</b>	<b>162</b>

## Opinions of the Supreme Court: FY 2011

<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 B. Jefferson	10	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	19
Justice Nathan L. Hecht	15	12	1	2	2	0	0	0	32
Justice Dale Wainwright	10	6	1	2	3	0	0	0	22
Justice David Medina	8	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	15
Justice Paul Green	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	7
Justice Phil Johnson	13	6	1	6	0	0	0	0	26
Justice Don Willett	5	3	7	4	0	0	0	0	19
Justice Eva Guzman	6	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	11
Justice Debra Lehrmann	3	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>162</b>

**Action by the Supreme Court  
in Granted Petitions For Review & Rehearing of Causes  
By Court of Appeals: FY 2011**

	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	8 <sup>TH</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>	10 <sup>TH</sup>	11 <sup>TH</sup>	12 <sup>TH</sup>	13 <sup>TH</sup>	14 <sup>TH</sup>	Total
<b>OPINIONS ISSUED</b>															
<b>Court of Appeals ruling is:</b>															
Abated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed	0	1	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	12
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & rendered	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to Pub. Utility Comm.	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dismissed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Improvidently granted	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Modified in part & affirmed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & dismissed	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Reversed & remanded	2	0	0	2	7	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	4	23
Reversed & remanded to trial court	1	1	7	2	3	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	3	25
Reversed & rendered	0	0	2	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	15
Reversed in part, affirmed in part, rendered in part & remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	4
Vacated & dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	0	1	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	2	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>118</b>

## Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2011

<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	El Paso	18	Johnson	1	Randall	1
Angelina	1	Ellis	1	Jones	5	Robertson	3
Atascosa	2	Erath	1	Karnes	2	Rusk	2
Bastrop	1	Falls	2	Kaufman	2	Sabine	2
Bee	2	Fayette	2	Kendall	2	San Augustine	1
Bell	2	Floyd	1	Kerr	3	Scurry	1
Bexar	36	Fort Bend	11	Kleberg	1	Shelby	1
Blanco	3	Freestone	1	La Salle	1	Smith	8
Bowie	1	Galveston	14	Lamar	1	Starr	1
Brazoria	10	Gillespie	2	Lamb	1	Stephens	1
Brazos	3	Gonzales	1	Liberty	1	Swisher	1
Burleson	2	Grand	792	Limestone	2	Tarrant	30
Burnet	1	Grayson	1	Lubbock	6	Taylor	3
Calhoun	1	Gregg	5	Marion	1	Titus	1
Cameron	13	Guadalupe	3	Matagorda	1	Tom Green	2
Cass	1	Hale	1	McLennan	6	Travis	67
Chambers	1	Hamilton	3	McMullen	1	Van Zandt	1
Cherokee	2	Hardin	2	Medina	3	Victoria	1
Collin	13	Harris	168	Midland	4	Walker	7
Comal	6	Harrison	1	Montague	2	Waller	2
Comanche	1	Hays	5	Montgomery	28	Webb	4
Concho	1	Henderson	5	Morris	1	Wharton	1
Coryell	2	Hidalgo	30	Nacogdoches	2	Wheeler	2
Crockett	2	Hill	1	Navarro	1	Wichita	6
Dallas	91	Hockley	1	Nolan	1	Wilbarger	1
Dawson	1	Hood	1	Nueces	10	Williamson	4
De Witt	4	Howard	1	Orange	1	Wilson	1
Deaf Smith	1	Hunt	1	Palo Pinto	1	Wise	1
Denton	11	Jackson	2	Panola	1	Wood	2
Dickens	1	Jasper	2	Parker	1	Zapata	2
Duval	7	Jefferson	12	Polk	3		
Ector	4	Jim Wells	1	Potter	1		
<b>GRAND TOTAL = 791</b>							

Note: One petition did not have a county associated with it.

## Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by Court of Appeals: FY 2011

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Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2011	Total Disposed in FY 2011				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Other Disposition		
1 <sup>st</sup> Houston	105	6	88	4	4	102	5.9%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fort Worth	47	7	37	1	2	47	14.9%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Austin	90	22	86	3	3	114	19.3%
4 <sup>th</sup> San Antonio	70	11	50	4	5	70	15.7%
5 <sup>th</sup> Dallas	103	8	69	5	2	84	9.5%
6 <sup>th</sup> Texarkana	20	2	16	1	0	19	10.5%
7 <sup>th</sup> Amarillo	25	3	20	1	0	24	12.5%
8 <sup>th</sup> El Paso	30	4	25	0	2	31	12.9%
9 <sup>th</sup> Beaumont	45	5	34	1	1	41	12.2%
10 <sup>th</sup> Waco	30	3	28	2	0	33	9.1%
11 <sup>th</sup> Eastland	25	0	20	0	6	26	0.0%
12 <sup>th</sup> Tyler	26	3	21	1	1	26	11.5%
13 <sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi	69	14	41	1	6	62	22.6%
14 <sup>th</sup> Houston	104	12	78	3	2	95	12.6%
<i>Not associated with a court of appeals</i>	3	0	1	0	1	2	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>12.9%</b>