#### Analysis Of Activity For Year Ended August 31, 1994

The Supreme Court of Texas is the highest state court for civil appeals and promulgates rules of administration and civil procedure for the courts of Texas. It is comprised of the Chief Justice and eight justices.

The Court "passed on" (disposed of or otherwise acted upon) a total of 3,299 matters during fiscal year 1994, a decrease of 4.1 percent from the 3,441 matters passed on in fiscal year 1993.

#### REGULAR CAUSES

Regular Causes are regular appeals or original actions pending before the court. Normally, they reach this status when a Writ of Error is granted in the cause. Petitions for Original Mandamus and Habeas Corpus, which are not disposed of upon initial review, and in which the petition is granted, may also become regular causes.

The 190 regular causes added to the Court's docket during the year ended August 31, 1994, were 8.0 percent more than the 176 regular causes added in fiscal year 1993.

The 187 regular causes disposed of were 3.6 percent less than the 194 disposed of in fiscal year 1993 and 19.9 percent more than the 10-year average of 156. Of the regular causes disposed of during 1994, 126 came to the Court on applications for writs of error from the 14 Courts of Appeals. Of those 126 dispositions, the lower courts were reversed in whole or in part in 95 causes, or 75.4 percent. This compares to 63.7 percent reversals in fiscal year 1993.

The 67 regular causes (including motions for rehearing) left pending at the end of fiscal year 1994 represented 26.4 percent of the total number of regular causes added during the year or carried over from the previous year. This is two causes higher than the 10-year average of 65 pending causes. At the end of fiscal year 1993, 66 regular causes had been pending in the Court.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR WRITS OF ERROR

An Application for Writ of Error is a request filed by one of the parties, requesting the Supreme Court to review the judgment of a Court of Appeals. If four or more of the nine justices concur the writ is granted and the cause is scheduled for argument before the court.

The 1,054 applications for writs of error filed during fiscal year 1994 represented a 10.0 percent decrease from the 1,171 applications filed in fiscal

year 1993, and was 4.5 percent higher than the 10-year average of 1,009.

The 1,093 applications for writs of error disposed of during the year were 12.1 percent less than the 1,243 disposed of during fiscal year 1993, and 21.6 percent higher than the 10-year average of 1,022. Of the 1,093 applications disposed of, 125 (or 11.4 percent) were granted.

The 317 applications for writs of error left pending at the end of fiscal year 1994 represented 22.5 percent of the total number of such applications filed during the year or carried over from the previous year. This is 23 less pending applications than the 10-year average of 340 pending applications. At the end of fiscal year 1993, 354 applications for writs of error had been pending in the Court.

#### OTHER WRITS AND MOTIONS

The 1,694 other writs and motions filed during fiscal year 1994 were 12.5 percent less than the 1,937 filed during fiscal year 1993. (This does not include miscellaneous motions such as motions for extension of time, etc., which are often not docketed as separate causes.) This is 30.3 percent more than the 10-year average of 1,300 other writs and motions filed.

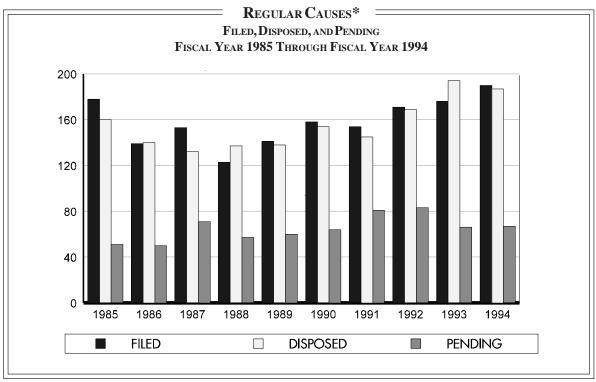
The 2,017 other writs and motions disposed of during fiscal year 1994 were 0.6 percent more than the 2,004 disposed during fiscal year 1993. This is 693 more dispositions than the 10-year average of 1,324 dispositions.

The 173 other writs and motions left pending by the Court at the end of fiscal year 1994 represented 10.2 percent of the total number of other writs and motions filed during the year. At the end of fiscal year 1993, 179 other writs and motions had been pending in the Court.

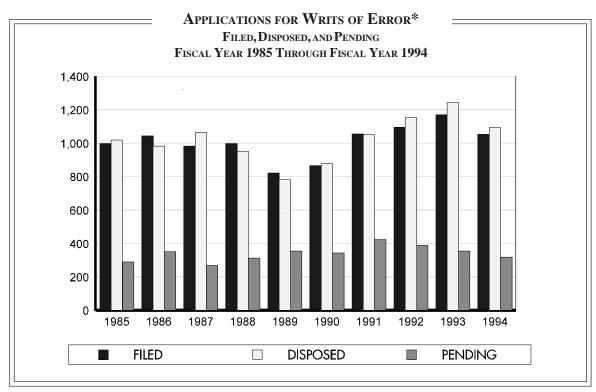
#### **OPINIONS WRITTEN**

During fiscal year 1994, the justices of the Supreme Court wrote 229 opinions (or an average of 25.4 opinions each), 22.4 percent less than the 295 opinions written in fiscal year 1993 and 8.0 percent more than the 10-year average of 212. Of the opinions written in 1994, 146 (or 63.8 percent) were deciding opinions which disposed of causes.

During fiscal year 1994, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments of 73 causes and considered an additional 61 causes submitted on briefs.



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## ACTIVITY FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1994

#### SUMMARY OF DOCKET ACTIVITY

SUMMARY OF DOCKET ACTIVITY	
A. Causes Of Action Passed On During The Year Ended August 31, 1994:	
Regular causes determined by the Court187	
Applications for writs of error determined	
Motions for leave to file petitions for writs of mandamus	
involving civil cases determined280	
Petitions for writs of habeas corpus determined22	
Writs of prohibitions and injunction determined	
Petitions for review	
U.S. certified questions	
Direct appeals	
Petition to publish under Rule 90c, T.R.A.P25	
Petitions for certiorari	
Petitions for temporary injunction	
Miscellaneous procedures	
TOTAL CAUSES PASSED ON BY THE COURT	1,641
B. Motions Passed On During The Year Ended August 31, 1994:	
Motions for rehearing of causes determined by the Court	
Motions for rehearing of applications for writs of error determined	
Motions for rehearing of motions for leave to file petitions for writs of	
mandamus determined	
Motions for rehearing of habeas corpus determined	
Motions for rehearing of writs of prohibition/injunction	
Motions for rehearing of with or prohibitory/injurietory	
Motions for rehearing of direct appeals	
Miscellaneous motions passed on by the Court	
C. Appeals From The Board Of Disciplinary Appeals17	
TOTAL MOTIONS AND APPEALS PASSED ON BY THE COURT	1,658
GRAND TOTAL OF MATTERS PASSED ON BY THE COURT	3,299
D. Matters Pending August 31, 1994:	
Regular causes (not including motions for rehearing)67	
Applications for writs of error	
Mandamus	
Petitions for writs of habeas corpus	
Petitions for review	
Petition to publish under Rule 90c, T.R.A.P	
Motions for rehearing of causes	
Motions for rehearing of applications	
Motions for rehearing of motions for leave to file petitions	
for writs of mandamus	
Miscellaneous motions	
Disciplinary appeals6	
Total Matters Pending August 31, 1994	<u>557</u>

#### ACTIVITY FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1994

#### REGULAR CAUSES\*

Causes pending on September 1, 1993 (Pending under submission, including motions for rehearing)	
REGULAR CAUSES PENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1993	6
By granted applications for writs of error129By granted motions for leave to file petitions for writs of mandamus36By direct appeals filed1By granted habeas corpus filed4By certified questions2By other action10By granted petition1By causes reinstated7	
Regular Causes Added	19
Total Regular Causes On Docket	25
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B. Dispositions:	
Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed, rendered and remanded to trial court	
Judgment of Court of Appeals affirmed and reversed	
Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed and rendered	
Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed and rendered	
Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed and rendered	
Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed and rendered18Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed and remanded to trial court28Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed, trial court reformed, judgment rendered1Judgment of Court of Appeals modified1Judgment of Court of Appeals affirmed, reversed and remanded6Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed, remanded to court of appeals28Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed, trial court affirmed or modified7Judgment of Court of Appeals modified and affirmed1Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed, modified and affirmed1Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed in part1Judgment of Court of Appeals affirmed, reversed and rendered2	
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Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed and rendered	
Judgment of Court of Appeals reversed and rendered	

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Regular Causes" are reported in a separate category because they are the cases which pass through most, if not all, of the steps of the regular appellate decision-making process. Regular causes are cases in which oral argument of counsel in open court is received (unless waived) and in which the Court's decision is usually reported in a written opinion. Most are reviewed in conference by the Supreme Court, before oral argument and decision, upon application for writ of error, with four or more of the justices voting that the decision of the Court of Appeals was erroneous and that the writ therefore should be granted. A similiar procedure is followed regarding petitions for original mandamus and habeas corpus, which become "Regular Causes" only after review and vote in conference of an application for writ of error or application to file a petition for original mandamus or habeas corpus.

	REGULAR CAUSES		
B. B. and a C. A.	(CONT.)		
B. Dispositions (cont.):			
U. S. certified question (negative)			
		1	
	4		
	ersed, judgment rendered 1		
Mandamus	(Writs conditionally granted)21		
	(Writs denied)1		
	(Writs diaminaed)		
	(Writs dismissed)		
	(Court of Appeals reversed and rendered 1		
Habeas Corpus	(Relators discharged)		
	(Relators remanded)		
Total Dispositions		187	
C. Causes Pending on August 31, 19	994:		
Pending, set for submission	des causes on motions for rehearing)	1	
Total Causes Pending Au	GUST 31, 1994:	:	67
D. CAUSES SUBMITTED DURING YEAR E	NDED AUGUST 31, 1994:		
	73 61		
TOTAL CAUSES SUBMITTED			134
Cas	SES OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES		
A. Applications For Writs Of Erro	PR:		
1. On Docket:			
	3344		
	st 31, 1994		
	9	0	
Other Action		3	
Total Applications On Do	OCKET	1,410	

		CASES OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES			
		(CONT.)			
Α.	Αp	PLICATIONS FOR WRITS OF ERROR (CONT.)			
	2.	Dispositions:			
		Granted	— -		
		Withdrawn			
		Writ denied  Dismissed			
		Dismissed for want of jurisdiction			
		Denied, improvident grant			
		Other			
		Transferred	1		
		Total Applications For Writs Of Error Dispositions		1,093	
		Pending August 31, 1994			317
В.	MA	ndamus - Civil:			
	1.	On Docket:			
		Pending September 1, 1993			
		Filed During Year Ended August 31, 1994			
		Reinstated	2		
		Total Mandamus - Civil On Docket		326	
	2.	Dispositions:			
		Granted			
		Granted (Rule 122) Overruled			
		Dismissed as moot			
		Dismissed			
		Withdrawn			
		Dismissed for want of jurisduction			
		Transferred	1		
		Total Mandamus - Civil Dispositions			
_		Pending August 31, 1994			46
C.	HA	beas Corpus:			
	1.	On Docket:			
		Pending September 1, 1993	0		
		Filed During Year Ended August 31, 1994	24		
		Total Habeas Corpus On Docket		24	
	2.	Dispositions: Granted	1 2		
		Granted (Rule 122)			
		Denied for want of jurisdiction			
		Dismissed/moot			
		Overruled	1		
		Total Habeas Corpus Dispositions		22	
		Pending August 31, 1994			2

		CASES OTHER I HAN REGULAR CAUSES
_	147	(CONT.)
υ.	<b>VV</b> F	RITS OF PROHIBITION AND INJUNCTION:
	1.	On Docket:       Pending September 1, 1993
		TOTAL WRITS OF PROHIBITION AND INJUNCTION ON DOCKET
	2.	Dispositions:Overruled12Dismissed1Dismissed for want of jurisdiction2Granted1
		Total Writs Of Prohibition And Injunction Dispositions 16
		Pending August 31, 1994
E.	PE	TITIONS FOR REVIEW:
	1.	On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993
		Total Petitions For Review On Docket
	2.	Dispositions: Denied1
		Total Petitions For Review Dispositions1
		Pending August 31, 1994 1
F.	DIF	EECT APPEALS:
	1.	On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993
		TOTAL DIRECT APPEALS ON DOCKET
	2.	Dispositions:Dismissed1Dismissed for want of jurisdiction2Jurisdiction noted10
		Total Direct Appeals Dispositions13
		Pending August 31, 1994 0
G.	U.S	6. Certified Questions:
	1.	On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993
		Total U.S. Certified Questions On Docket
	2.	Dispositions: Accepted2
		Total U.S. Certified Questions Dispositions
		Pending August 31, 1994

		CASES OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES		_
н.	PE	(CONT.) TITIONS FOR CERTIORARI:		
		On Docket:		
		Pending September 1, 1993		
		Total Petitions For Certiorari On Docket	1	
	2.	Dispositions: Overruled1		
		Total Petitions For Certiorari Dispositions	1	
		Pending August 31, 1994		
Ι.	PET	TITIONS TO PUBLISH UNDER RULE 90c, T.R.A.P.:		
	1.	On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993		
		Total Petitions To Publish On Docket	27	
	2.	Dispositions:		
		Denied         22           Granted            Dismissed as moot         2	1	
		Total Petitions To Publish Dispositions	25	
		Pending August 31, 1994		
J.	PE	TITIONS FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTIONS	===	
		On Docket:		
		Pending September 1, 1993		
		Total Petitions For Temporary Injunctions On Docket	0	
	2.	Dispositions:		
		Dismissed         0           Overruled         0		
		Total Petitions For Temporary Injunctions Dispositions	0	
		Total Petitions For Temporary Injunctions Dispositions  Pending August 31, 1994	0	
K.	Dis		0	
K.	Dıs	Pending August 31, 1994  CIPLINARY APPEALS  On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993	0	
K.		Pending August 31, 1994  CIPLINARY APPEALS  On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993		
K.	1.	Pending August 31, 1994	0	
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К.	1.	Pending August 31, 1994  CIPLINARY APPEALS  On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993	23	
К.	1.	Pending August 31, 1994  CIPLINARY APPEALS  On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993	23	
К.	1.	Pending August 31, 1994  CIPLINARY APPEALS  On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993	23	

#### ACTIVITY FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1994

#### CASES OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES (CONT.) L. MISCELLANEOUS PROCEDURES 1. On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993 ......0 Filed During Year Ended August 31, 1994.....1 TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PROCEDURES ON DOCKET ...... 1 **Dispositions:** TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PROCEDURES DISPOSITIONS..... Pending August 31, 1994..... M. Motions: 1. Motions for Rehearing of Causes On Docket: Filed During Year Ended August 31, 1994.......118 TOTAL MOTIONS FOR REHEARING OF CAUSES ON DOCKET ...... 157 **Dispositions:** Withdrawn ......1 TOTAL MOTIONS FOR REHEARING OF CAUSES DISPOSITIONS ..... 121 Pending August 31, 1994..... 36 2. Motions for Rehearing of Applications for Writs of Error On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993......37 Filed During Year Ended August 31, 1994......333 Total Motions For Rehearing Of Applications For Writs OF ERROR ON DOCKET ..... 370 Dispositions Abated ......1 TOTAL MOTIONS FOR REHEARING OF APPLICATIONS FOR WRITS OF ERROR DISPOSITIONS 334 Pending August 31, 1994..... 36

		CASES OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES			
M Mo	TION	(CONT.):			
3.		tions for Rehearing of Motions for Leave to File Petitions Writs of Mandamus On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993			
		TOTAL MOTIONS FOR REHEARING OF MOTIONS FOR LEAVE TO FILE PETIONS FOR WRITS OF MANDAMUS ON DOCKET	:	3 1	
	b.	Dispositions: Overruled Granted			
		Total Motions For Rehearing Of Motions For Leave To File Petions For Writs Of Mandamus Dispositions		27	
		Pending August 31, 1994			4
4.	Mo a.	tions for Rehearing on Habeas Corpus On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993 Filed During Year Ended August 31, 1994			
		TOTAL MOTIONS FOR REHEARING ON HABEAS CORPUS ON DOCKET		3	
	b.	Dispositions: Overruled	3		
		Total Motions For Rehearing On Habeas Corpus Dispositions		3	
		Pending August 31, 1994			0
5.	Mo a.	tions for Rehearing on Petition for Review On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993			
		TOTAL MOTIONS FOR REHEARING ON PETITION FOR REVIEW ON DOCKET		0	
	b.	Dispositions: Overruled	0		
		Total Motions For Rehearing On Petition For Review Dispositions		0	
		Pending August 31, 1994			0
6.	Mo a.	tions for Rehearing on Direct Appeal On Docket: Pending September 1, 1993 Filed During Year Ended August 31, 1994			
		TOTAL MOTIONS FOR REHEARING ON DIRECT APPEAL ON DOCKET	•••	2	

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. <b>M</b> c	TIONS (CONT.)		
6.	Motions for Rehearing on Direct Appeal (cont.) b. Dispositions:  Overruled	2	
	Total Motions For Rehearing On Direct Appeal Dispositions	2	
	Pending August 31, 1994		
7.	Motions for Rehearing on Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c, T.R.A.P. a. On Docket:		
	Pending September 1, 1993		
	Total Motions For Rehearing On Petitions to Publish On Docket	2	
	b. Dispositions: Overruled	2	
	Total Motions For Rehearing On Petitions to Publish Dispositions	2	
	Pending August 31, 1994		
8.	Miscellaneous Motions		
	Passed on by the Court During Year Ended August 31, 1994 (including Rule 130(d), motions to dismiss, etc.)	1,150	
	Pending August 31, 1994		4
	OPINIONS DELIVERED BY THE COURT DURING YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1994		
De	ciding opinions	146	
Dis	ncurringsenting and dissenting	46	
Pe On	curiam on applications, motions, etc motion for rehearing	3 1	
Oti	Total Opinions Delivered		

#### ACTIVITY FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1994

#### OPINIONS DELIVERED BY THE SUPREME COURT **DECIDING OPINIONS** Applica-On Concurring tion Denied Motion Totals with Per Majority Per Concurring Dissenting Other and for Per Opinions Dissenting Justice JUSTICES Opinions Curiams Opinions Curiam Rehearing Opinions THOMAS R. PHILLIPS CHIEF JUSTICE RAUL A. GONZALEZ JUSTICE Jack Hightower JUSTICE NATHAN L. HECHT JUSTICE LLOYD DOGGETT JUSTICE JOHN CORNYN 3 1 JUSTICE Вов Саммасе JUSTICE CRAIG ENOCH JUSTICE Rose Spector JUSTICE TOTALS

			M Courts	AR BY THE S Of Appeals Granted				
COURT AND LOCATION	Court of Appeals Affirmed	Ct. App. Aff'd part, and Rev'd part	Ct. App. Reversed, Trial Ct. Affirmed	Reversed, Remand to Court of Appeals	Reversed, Remand to Trial Court	Reversed and Rendered	Other	TOTAL FOR COURT
FIRST Houston	1	2	0	2	1	3	0	9
SECOND Fort Worth	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	4
THIRD Austin	3	4	2	2	8	3	2	24
FOURTH San Antonio	0	0	1	1	0	2	4	8
FIFTH Dallas	3	2	0	5	8	2	1	21
SIXTH Texarkana	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	4
SEVENTH Amarillo	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	5
EIGHTH EI Paso	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	5
NINTH Beaumont	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	5
TENTH Waco	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	5
ELEVENTH Eastland	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
TWELFTH Tyler		0	0	1	4	1	0	0 6
THIRTEENTH Corpus Christi	4	1	1	0	1	2	3	12
FOURTEENTH Houston	1	1	1	6	1_	_1_	5	16
TOTAL	15	1 4	7	27	26	21	16	126

#### ACTIVITY FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1994

#### APPLICATIONS FOR WRITS OF ERROR FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT (BY COUNTY)

N	NUMBER		<b>U</b> UMBER OF		<b>N</b> UMBER	ı	UMBER
COUNTY APP	OF PLICATIONS	COUNTY AP	PLICATIONS	COUNTY	OF APPLICATIONS	COUNTY AP	OF PLICATIONS
Harris	242	Comanche	3	Palo Pinto	2	Kerr	1
Dallas	147	Duval	3	Parker	2	Lamar	1
Travis	88	Ector	3	Scurry	2	Lamb	1
Tarrant	66	Ellis	3	Tom Gree	n 2	Lee	1
Bexar	60	Erath	3	Tyler	2	Lipscomb	1
El Paso	33	Fayette	3	Val Verde	_	Llano	1
Nueces	25	Grayson	3	Victoria	2	Madison	1
Hidalgo	20	Hartley	3	Wood	2	Mason	1
Jefferson	15	Hays	3	Zapata	2	Mills	1
Midland	13	Houston	3	Archer	1	Mitchell	1
Galveston	12	Jim Wells	3	Atascosa	1	Montague	1
Fort Bend	11	Johnson	3	Bosque	1	Moore	1
Lubbock	11	Kleberg	3	Brewster	1	Navarro	1
Cameron	10	Pecos	3	Briscoe	1	Nolan	1
Smith	10	Robertson	3	Brooks	1	Ochiltree	1
Brazoria	9	Sherman	3	Burnet	1	Panola	1
Denton	9	Starr	3	Chambers	s 1	Parmer	1
Anderson	8	Webb	3	Cherokee	1	Polk	1
Walker	8	Wise	3	Childress	1	Real	1
Collin	7	Angelina	2	Colorado	1	Rockwall	1
McLennan	7	Aransas	2	Culbersor	n 1	Rusk	1
Wichita	7	Bee	2	Foard	1	San Saba	1
Montgomery	6	Bell	2	Gaines	1	Stephens	1
Potter	6	Comal	2	Gonzales	1	Throckmorto	n 1
Taylor	6	Falls	2	Guadalup	e 1	Titus	1
Bowie	5	Fannin	2	Hall	1	Upton	1
Coryell	5	Goliad	2	Hamilton	1	Uvalde	1
Hood	5	Hunt	2	Harrison	1	Van Zandt	1
Maverick	5	Kimble	2	Henderso	n 1	Waller	1
Williamson	5	Leon	2	Hockley	1	Willacy	1
Gregg	4	Liberty	2	Howard	1	Wilson	1
Randall	4	Marion	2	Jasper	1	Winkler	1
San Patricio	4	Matagorda	2	Kaufman	1	Yoakum	1
Ward	4	Nacogdoches		Kendall	1		
	3	Orange	2	Kent	1		