

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2016 - 2020

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	100	117	135	93	110
Other Than Regular Causes	1,095	1,197	1,281	1,314	1,215
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	5	6	9	3
Motions	2,285	2,469	2,591	2,801	2,483
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	102	102	118	95	111
Other Than Regular Causes	1,085	1,178	1,324	1,357	1,260
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	3	4	5	7	8
Motions	2,289	2,436	2,611	2,800	2,501
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	20	35	52	50	48
Other Than Regular Causes	485	508	467	422	375
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	3	3	4	6	1

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 2020

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2019²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2020</i>
REGULAR CAUSES					
By Petition for Review	43	62	105	68	37
By Petition for Review 59.1	0	27	27	27	0
By Set to Argue Mandamus Petition	3	14	17	6	11
By Granted Mandamus Petition 52.8	0	5	5	5	0
By U.S. Certified Question	3	1	4	4	0
Rehearings Granted - Cause	0	1	1	1	0
Total for Regular Causes	49	110	159	111	48
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES					
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2019²</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2020</i>
Petitions for Review	335	890	1,225	919	306
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	54	206	260	208	52
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	1	5	6	5	1
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	1	1	2	2	0
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeals	1	0	1	1	0
U.S. Certified Questions	0	1	1	1	0
Petitions for Certiorari	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	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	20	107	127	116	11
Multidistrict Litigation	8	5	13	8	5
Total for Other than Regular Causes	420	1,215	1,635	1,260	375
MOTIONS					
	15	24	39	30	9
Causes	27	163	190	170	20
Petitions for Review	4	20	24	22	2
Mandamus: Civil	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	2	2	2	0
Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	1	1	0
Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Certified Questions	1	0	1	1	0
Multidistrict Litigation	0	5	5	5	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	6	812	818	814	4
Motions for Extension of Time to File	---	1,456	---	1,456	---
Miscellaneous Motions	53	2,483	2,536	2,501	35
Total for Motions	53	2,483	2,536	2,501	35
OTHER ACTIONS					
Disciplinary Actions	6	3	9	8	1
TOTAL FOR ALL	528	3,811	4,339	3,880	459

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.

Final Disposition of Regular Causes: FY 2020

Granted Petitions for Review		Reversed, trial court judgment reinstated	1
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>		Reversed & remanded	7
Abated	1	Reversed & remanded to trial court	6
Affirmed	16	Reversed & rendered	1
Affirmed and remanded to trial court	2	Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	1	TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review 59.1	27
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	5		
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	3	Set to Argue Mandamus Petition	
Reversed	1	Conditionally granted	3
Reversed & dismissed	1	Denied	3
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	1	TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	6
Reversed, trial court judgment reinstated	5		
Reversed & remanded	6	Granted Mandamus Petition	
Reversed & remanded to trial court	3	Conditionally granted	4
Reversed & rendered	14	Dismissed without prejudice	1
Vacated & dismissed	1	TOTAL: Reinstated Cause	5
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	8		
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	68	U. S. Certified Question	
		Answered	4
Granted Petitions for Review 59.1		TOTAL: U.S. Certified Question	4
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>			
Affirmed	1	Granted Rehearing of Cause	
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	2	Reversed & remanded to court of appeals	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	1	TOTAL: U.S. Certified Question	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	1		
Reversed	3	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	111
Reversed & dismissed	2		

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2020

	<i>Initial Review</i>		<i>Review</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>
	<i>Granted / Accepted</i>	<i>Set to Argue</i>	<i>Refused/ Denied</i>								
Petitions for Review	98	0	777	19	11	0	13	0	1	919	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	5	14	161	23	3	0	2	0	0	208	
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	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
U.S. Certified Questions	1 ³	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 Injunction	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Emergency Stays	23	76	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	
Multidistrict Litigation	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	5 ⁴	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	
TOTAL FOR ALL	139	90	963	45	15	0	15	0	1	1,268	

³ Answered

⁴ Affirmed

Disposition of Motions: FY 2020

	<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Consolidated</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Transferred</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>	<i>Total</i>
Rehearing of	Causes	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	30
	Petitions for Review	10	156	1	1	0	2	0	170
	Mandamus: Civil	0	21	0	1	0	0	0	22
	Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Direct Appeal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
	Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Multidistrict Litigation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	
Motions for Extension of Time to File	790	11	7	2	0	3	0	1	814
Miscellaneous Motions	1,383	41	31	0	0	1	0	0	1,456
TOTAL	2,184	266	39	4	0	7	0	1	2,501

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2020

<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 Nathan L. Hecht	8	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	15
Justice Paul W. Green	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	11
Justice Eva M. Guzman	8	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	17
Justice Debra H. Lehrmann	7	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	13
Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd	5	1	1	5	3	0	0	1	16
Justice John P. Devine	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	12
Justice James D. Blacklock	7	5	1	4	0	0	0	2	19
Justice J. Brett Busby	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Justice Jane N. Bland	10	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	18
TOTAL	68	32	9	17	5	0	0	5	136

**Action by the Supreme Court
in Granted Petitions for Review & Rehearing of Causes
By Court of Appeals: FY 2020**

	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															
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>															
Affirmed	1	2	1	6	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	17
Affirmed and remanded to trial court	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Reversed	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Reversed & dismissed	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Reversed, trial court judgment reinstated	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Reversed & remanded	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	6
Reversed & remanded to trial court	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Reversed & rendered	2	0	1	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	15
Vacated & dismissed	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	3	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
TOTAL	7	13	15	16	10	2	12	5	1	2	0	1	6	5	95

Note: 1 case was abated

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2020

<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	1	Dallas	101	Hood	2	Reagan	1
Andrews	1	De Witt	1	Hunt	3	Reeves	1
Angelina	1	Deaf Smith	1	Hutchinson	2	Runnels	1
Aransas	1	Delta	1	Jefferson	21	Rusk	3
Atascosa	1	Denton	16	Jim Wells	3	Scurry	1
Austin	3	Dimmit	2	Karnes	2	Smith	5
Bailey	1	Donley	1	Kaufman	3	Tarrant	67
Baylor	1	Duval	2	Kendall	2	Taylor	5
Bee	1	Eastland	2	Kerr	1	Titus	1
Bell	6	Ector	5	Kleberg	1	Tom Green	1
Bexar	70	El Paso	28	Leon	1	Travis	81
Blanco	1	Ellis	6	Liberty	5	Upshur	1
Bowie	4	Erath	1	Live Oak	3	Uvalde	1
Brazoria	4	Fannin	1	Lubbock	7	Van Zandt	1
Brazos	6	Fisher	5	Madison	1	Victoria	2
Brown	2	Fort Bend	16	Martin	1	Walker	2
Burleson	1	Freestone	4	Matagorda	1	Waller	1
Burnet	2	Galveston	10	Maverick	1	Ward	2
Caldwell	2	Goliad	1	McLennan	4	Webb	5
Calhoun	2	Gray	4	Midland	7	Wichita	3
Cameron	16	Grayson	2	Mills	1	Willacy	2
Carson	2	Gregg	3	Mitchell	1	Williamson	7
Chambers	1	Grimes	2	Montgomery	13	Wise	3
Cherokee	3	Guadalupe	1	Moore	2	Young	1
Childress	1	Hale	1	Nacogdoches	2	Zapata	1
Coleman	1	Hall	2	Navarro	3		
Collin	30	Hansford	2	Nueces	18	No county	1
Collingsworth	2	Harris	133	Orange	3		
Colorado	1	Hays	4	Palo Pinto	3		
Comal	1	Henderson	5	Panola	1		
Comanche	3	Hidalgo	20	Parker	2		
Cooke	1	Hill	2	Potter	2		
Coryell	2	Hockley	1	Randall	7		

TOTAL = 890

**Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by
Court of Appeals: FY 2020**

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2020	Total Disposed in FY 2020				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Other Disposition</i>		
1 st Houston	94	7	82	4	6	99	7.1%
2 nd Fort Worth	93	11	81	1	1	94	11.7%
3 rd Austin	89	17	77	0	1	97	17.5%
4 th San Antonio	90	19	79	0	3	101	18.8%
5 th Dallas	137	7	108	4	4	124	5.6%
6 th Texarkana	19	1	20	1	1	23	4.3%
7 th Amarillo	44	10	42	0	0	52	19.2%
8 th El Paso	34	4	32	0	1	37	10.8%
9 th Beaumont	35	1	35	0	1	37	2.7%
10 th Waco	25	0	23	0	0	23	0.0%
11 th Eastland	38	1	36	0	0	37	2.7%
12 th Tyler	21	0	22	1	0	23	0.0%
13 th Corpus Christi	80	6	60	5	3	75	8.0%
14 th Houston	91	11	78	3	2	94	11.7%
Totals	890	95	775	19	23	916	10.4%