

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2019 - 2023

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	93	110	99	123	103
Other Than Regular Causes	1,314	1,215	1,211	1,228	1,305
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	9	3	4	5	3
Motions	2,801	2,483	2,624	2,510	1,980
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	95	111	117	117	108
Other Than Regular Causes	1,357	1,260	1,145	1,208	1,305
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	7	8	2	5	4
Motions	2,800	2,501	2,598	2,516	1,980
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	50	48	30	36	31
Other Than Regular Causes	422	375	477	464	515
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	6	1	3	3	3

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 2023

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2022²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2023</i>	
REGULAR CAUSES						
By Petition for Review	33	62	95	72	23	
By Petition for Review 59.1	0	19	19	19	0	
By Set to Argue Mandamus Petition	0	6	6	4	2	
By Granted Mandamus Petition 52.8	0	8	8	8	0	
By Reinstatement	0	2	2	2	0	
By U.S. Certified Question	3	4	7	3	4	
By Direct Appeal Filed	0	2	2	0	2	
Total for Regular Causes	36	103	139	108	31	
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2022²</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2023</i>	
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES						
Petitions for Review	361	956	1,317	888	429	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	79	200	279	217	62	
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	3	3	2	1	
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	1	3	4	3	1	
Certified Questions	0	4	4	4	0	
Direct Appeals	1	6	7	6	1	
U.S. Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	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	
Request for Suspension of Judge	0	1	1	1	0	
Emergency Stays	14	126	140	128	12	
Multidistrict Litigation	7	6	13	4	9	
Total for Other than Regular Causes	463	1,305	1,768	1,253	515	
MOTIONS						
Rehearing of	Causes	17	30	47	29	18
	Petitions for Review	15	174	189	167	22
	Mandamus: Civil	5	29	34	31	3
	Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0
	Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0
	Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	1	1	0
	Direct Appeal	0	2	2	2	0
	Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
	Multidistrict Litigation	1	1	2	1	1
	Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	4	4	4	0
Motion for Extension of Time to File	11	904	915	906	9	
Miscellaneous Motions	---	836	---	840	---	
Total for Motions	49	1,981	2,030	1,981	53	
OTHER ACTIONS						
Disciplinary Actions	3	4	7	4	3	
TOTAL FOR ALL	551	3,393	3,944	3,346	602	

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 2023

Granted Petitions for Review		Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded to trial court	1
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>		Vacated & remanded	1
Affirmed	15	Vacated & remanded to trial court	2
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	6	Vacated COA & TC judgments & remanded to trial court	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	1	Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	3	TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review 59.1	19
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	1	Set to Argue Mandamus Petition	
Dismissed	2	Conditionally granted	2
Reversed & dismissed	4	Denied	1
Reversed & remanded	5	Dismissed	1
Reversed & remanded to trial court	16	TOTAL: Set to Argue Mandamus	4
Reversed & rendered	4	Granted Mandamus Petition	
Reversed, rendered in part and remanded	1	Conditionally granted	7
Reversed & trial court judgment affirmed or reinstated	2	Conditionally granted in part	1
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded to trial court	3	TOTAL: Granted Mandamus	8
Vacated & remanded to trial court	2	By Reinstatement	
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	6	Reversed & remanded to trial court	2
Court affirms trial court's partial summary judgment	1	TOTAL: Reinstatement	2
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	72	U. S. Certified Question	
Granted Petitions for Review 59.1		Answered	2
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>		Dismissed	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	1	TOTAL: U.S. Certified Question	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	1	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	108
Modified & affirmed judgments of COA & TC	1		
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	1		
Reversed & remanded to trial court	5		
Reversed & rendered	4		

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2023

	<i>Initial Review</i>		<i>Review</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>	<i>Dismissed</i>						
Petitions for Review	90	0	764	13	12	0	9	0	0	888
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	9	6	177	19	5	0	1	0	0	217
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Direct Appeals	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
Certified Questions	4 ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
U.S. Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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
Multidistrict Litigation	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Emergency Stays	33	0	72	23	0	0	0	0	0	128
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	3 ⁴	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL FOR ALL	144	6	1,019	60	17	0	10	0	0	1,256

³ Answered

⁴ Affirmed

Disposition of Motions: FY 2023

	<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>
Causes	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Petitions for Review	3	163	1	0	0	0	0	0	167
Mandamus: Civil	1	29	1	0	0	0	0	0	31
Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeal	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Motion for Extension of Time to File	873	15	11	6	0	1	0	0	906
Miscellaneous Motions	792	29	19	0	0	0	0	0	840
TOTAL	1,669	273	32	6	0	1	0	0	1,981

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2023

<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	9	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	13
Justice Debra H. Lehrmann	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	11
Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd	4	4	3	4	0	0	0	2	17
Justice John P. Devine	7	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	14
Justice James D. Blacklock	8	3	1	4	0	0	0	2	18
Justice J. Brett Busby	8	6	1	2	0	0	0	3	20
Justice Jane N. Bland	8	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	14
Justice Rebeca A. Huddle	6	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
Justice Evan A. Young	8	4	4	2	0	0	0	7	25
TOTAL	66	28	14	18	0	0	0	16	142

**Action by the Supreme Court
in Granted Petitions for Review & Rehearing of Causes
By Court of Appeals: FY 2023**

	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	2	0	0	1	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	15
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Modified & affirmed judgments of COA & TC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & dismissed	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Reversed & remanded	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5
Reversed & remanded to trial court	5	1	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	21
Reversed & rendered	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	8
Reversed, rendered in part and remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & trial court judgment affirmed or reinstated	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded to trial court	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Vacated & remanded	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vacated & remanded to trial court	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Vacated COA & TC judgments & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	7
Court affirms trial court's partial summary judgment	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	15	2	9	5	17	0	6	6	1	0	3	3	8	14	89

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2023

<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	5	Eastland	1	Kerr	2	Shackelford	1
Andrews	3	Ector	5	Knox	1	Smith	4
Angelina	2	El Paso	28	Lamar	3	Starr	2
Archer	1	Ellis	3	Lamb	2	Stephens	2
Austin	3	Falls	1	Lampasas	1	Sterling	1
Bandera	4	Fannin	1	Liberty	3	Tarrant	52
Bastrop	3	Fayette	1	Limestone	2	Taylor	12
Bee	4	Fort Bend	16	Llano	1	Tom Green	2
Bell	5	Frio	1	Lubbock	7	Travis	76
Bexar	72	Galveston	6	Madison	1	Upshur	2
Blanco	3	Gillespie	1	Matagorda	2	Upton	3
Bowie	4	Grayson	1	Maverick	1	Val Verde	1
Brazoria	4	Gregg	8	McLennan	13	Van Zandt	3
Brazos	6	Grimes	1	Medina	1	Victoria	3
Brewster	1	Hale	1	Menard	1	Walker	2
Briscoe	1	Hamilton	1	Midland	7	Waller	1
Brooks	1	Harris	204	Milam	1	Webb	4
Brown	1	Harrison	2	Mills	2	Wharton	1
Burleson	4	Hays	3	Montague	3	Wichita	3
Caldwell	1	Henderson	3	Montgomery	30	Wilbarger	3
Cameron	9	Hidalgo	21	Morris	1	Williamson	15
Camp	4	Hockley	1	Navarro	3	Wilson	2
Cherokee	1	Hood	5	Nueces	14	Wise	3
Collin	25	Howard	3	Orange	3	Wood	2
Comal	3	Hutchinson	2	Parker	5		
Cooke	2	Irion	3	Pecos	2		
Crosby	1	Jack	1	Polk	1		
Dallam	1	Jefferson	5	Potter	7		
Dallas	90	Jim Hogg	1	Reagan	2		
De Witt	2	Jim Wells	1	Reeves	5		
Denton	10	Johnson	3	Robertson	4		
Dimmit	1	Karnes	2	San Patricio	1		
Duval	2	Kaufman	2	San Saba	1		
Total = 956*							

*Six petitions were not associated with a county.

**Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by
Court of Appeals: FY 2023**

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2023	Total Disposed in FY 2023				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Other Disposition</i>		
1 st Houston	125	11	100	0	3	114	9.6%
2 nd Fort Worth	84	3	79	2	3	87	3.4%
3 rd Austin	94	11	62	1	2	76	14.3%
4 th San Antonio	99	6	84	0	1	91	6.6%
5 th Dallas	123	18	94	1	5	118	15.4%
6 th Texarkana	27	0	21	1	0	22	0.0%
7 th Amarillo	37	4	32	1	0	37	10.8%
8 th El Paso	64	8	40	2	0	50	16.0%
9 th Beaumont	43	4	32	0	4	40	10.0%
10 th Waco	38	1	37	0	0	38	2.6%
11 th Eastland	29	0	23	0	0	23	0.0%
12 th Tyler	21	4	25	1	0	30	13.3%
13 th Corpus Christi	66	6	44	2	3	55	10.9%
14 th Houston	106	13	91	2	0	106	12.3%
Not associated with a court of appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Totals	956	89	764	13	21	887	10.0%