

Texas Office of Court Administration

**BUSINESS COURT REPORT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2025, QUARTER 1 (SEP-NOV)**





Top Row: Hon. Brian Stagner, Hon. Grant Dorfman, and Hon. Patrick Sweeten  
Middle Row: Hon. Marialyn Barnard, Hon. Andrea Bouressa, and Hon. Bill Whitehill  
Bottom Row: Hon. Jerry Bullard, Hon. Stacy Sharp, Hon. Melissa Andrews, and Hon. Sofia Adrogué

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There are currently five Divisions operating with the court:

- First Business Court Division, located in Dallas, TX
- Third Business Court Division, located in Austin, TX
- Fourth Business Court Division, located in San Antonio, TX
- Eighth Business Court Division, located in Fort Worth, TX
- Eleventh Business Court Division, located in Houston, TX

Per statute, each division is appointed two Judges. Below is the list of each court and their judges. Each judges' term was effective September 1, 2024, for terms set to expire on September 1, 2026.

1A

Hon. Andrea K. Bouressa  
First Business Court Division  
Business Court 1A  
Appointed 6/12/2024

1B

Hon. Bill Whitehill  
First Business Court Division  
Business Court 1B  
Appointed 6/12/2024

3A

Hon. Melissa Davis Andrews  
Third Business Court Division  
Business Court 3A  
Appointed 6/11/2024

3B

Hon. Patrick K. Sweeten  
Third Business Court Division  
Business Court 3B  
Appointed 6/11/2024

4A

Hon. Marialyn Barnard  
Fourth Business Court Division  
Business Court 4A  
Appointed 6/13/2024

4B

Hon. Stacy Sharp  
Fourth Business Court Division  
Business Court 4B  
Appointed 6/13/2024

8A

Hon. Jerry D. Bullard  
Eighth Business Court Division  
Business Court 8A  
Appointed 6/12/2024

8B

Hon. Brian Stagner  
Eighth Business Court Division  
Business Court 8B  
Appointed 6/12/2024

11A

Hon. Sofia Adrogué  
Eleventh Business Court Division  
Business Court 11A  
Appointed 6/14/2024

11B

Hon. Samuel "Grant" Dorfman\*  
Eleventh Business Court Division  
Business Court 11B  
Appointed 6/14/2024

\*Judge Dorfman became the Presiding Judge by vote of all the Business Court Judges on September 3, 2024.

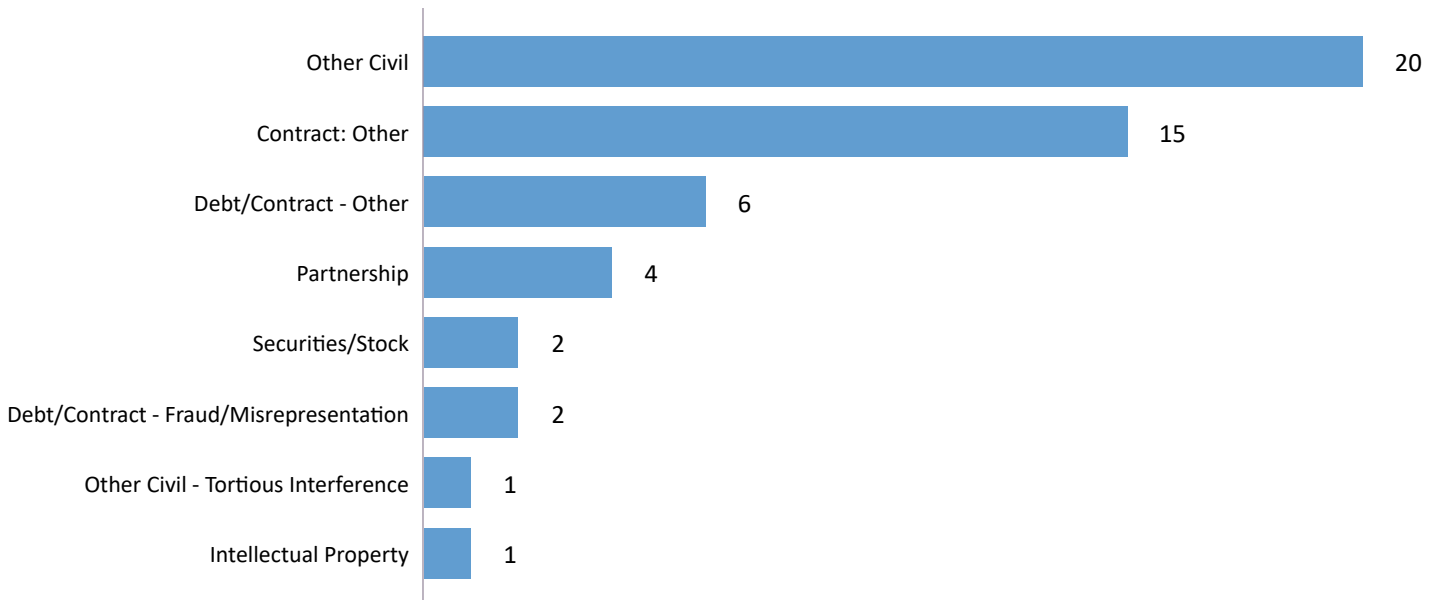
The Business Court is staffed with other personnel, including:

- Chief Staff Attorney for the court
- Staff attorneys for each judge
- Court Managers

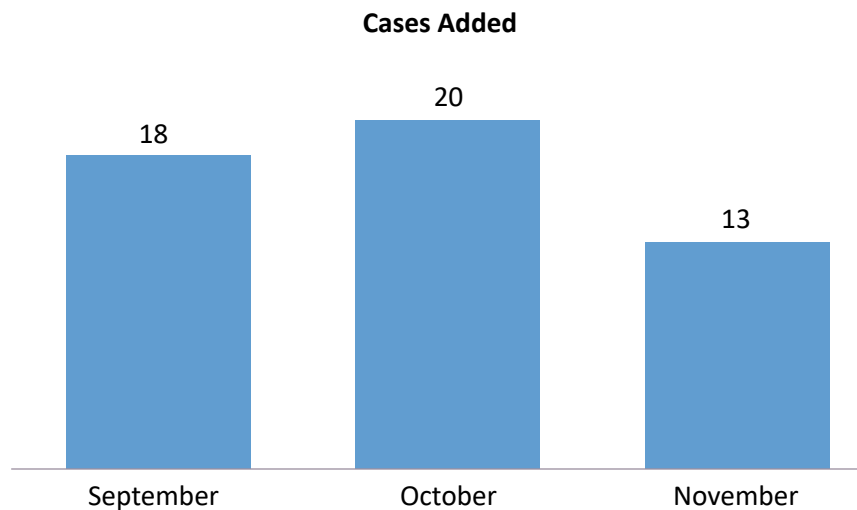
Beverly Crumley serves as the Clerk for the Business Court. The Business Court Clerk's Office is in Austin, Texas where case records and reporting are maintained.

Data as of November 30, 2024

From September 1, 2024, to November 30th, there were a total of **51** cases in the business court. Below is the breakdown of the cases by the case type.

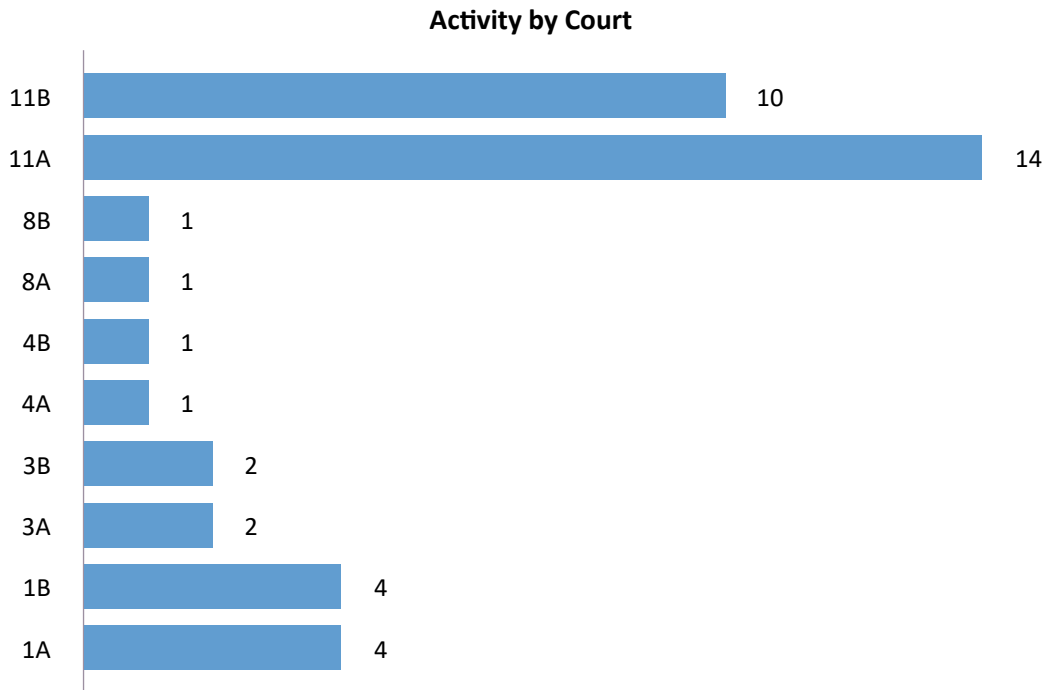


Number of Cases Added by Month



## Active Pending Cases

As of as of November 30th there are **40** active cases in the business court.



## Cases Disposed and Placed on Inactive Status

From September 1st to November 30th, 2024, there have been **10** cases disposed and one placed on inactive status.

Court	Disposition Count
Business Court 1A	2
Business Court 1B	3
Business Court 4A	1
Business Court 4B	1
Business Court 8B	1
Business Court 11B	2

## Notice of Removals

If either the plaintiff or the defendant wants to transfer their case from a District Court to a Business Court, they can file a Notice of Removal. The **Notice of Removal** is filed with the Business Court and the court in which the case was originally filed. On receipt of the notice, the clerk of the court in which the case was originally filed will immediately transfer the case to the Business Court in accordance with rules adopted by the Supreme Court. The judge of the court in which the case was filed may also request for a transfer, in which case, the Presiding Judge of that administrative region can transfer the case to a Business Court if the judge finds the transfer will facilitate the fair and efficient administration of justice.

The following table shows all the cases that were transferred into the Business Court as Notice of Removals:

Court name	Notice of Removals
Business Court 1A	3
Business Court 1B	4
Business Court 3A	1
Business Court 3B	1
Business Court 4A	1
Business Court 4B	2
Business Court 8A	1
Business Court 8B	0
Business Court 11A	7
Business Court 11B	4

## Financials

As of November 30th, the Business Court has collected the following total amounts in fees:

Fee Description	Total Amount	Percentage
Business Court Filing Fee	\$125,000	97.301%
Business Court - Motion Fee	\$2450	1.907%
Business Court Subsequent Filing Fee*	\$245	0.191%
Issue Citation	\$720	0.560%
Copies - Non-Certified	\$12	0.009%
Issue Show Cause	\$32	0.025%
Issue Temporary Restraining Order	\$8	0.006%
Sum	\$128,467	100%

\* Subsequent Filing Fee is divided between the Court and the State.





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