Supreme Court of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 26-9078

Transfer of Cases from Courts of Appeals

ORDERED that:

I.

Except as otherwise provided by this order, the first 44 cases filed in the Second Court of Appeals, Fort Worth, on or after September 1, 2026, are transferred to the Sixth Court of Appeals, Texarkana; the next 46 cases are transferred to the Seventh Court of Appeals, Amarillo; and the next 40 cases are transferred to the Eighth Court of Appeals, El Paso.

II.

Except as otherwise provided by this order, the first 19 cases filed in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, on or after September 2, 2026, are transferred to the Seventh Court of Appeals, Amarillo; the next 34 cases are transferred to the Eleventh Court of Appeals, Eastland; the next 40 cases are transferred to the Thirteenth Court of Appeals, Corpus Christi; and the next 25 civil cases are transferred to the Fifteenth Court of Appeals, Austin.

III.

Except as otherwise provided by this order, the first 15 cases filed in the Tenth Court of Appeals, Waco, on or after September 3, 2026, are transferred to the Seventh Court of Appeals, Amarillo, and the next 25 cases are transferred to the Twelfth Court of Appeals, Tyler.

IV.

For purposes of determining the effective date of transfers pursuant to this order, "filed" in a court of appeals means the receipt of a notice of appeal by the court of appeals.

In effectuating this order, companion cases shall either all be transferred or shall all be retained by the court in which filed, as determined by the Chief Justice of the transferring court, provided that cases that are companions to any case filed before the operative date of transfer shall be retained by the court in which originally filed. Cases that are companions to a case transferred to another court under a prior order shall also be transferred to the same court. Companion cases are appeals that arise out of the same trial-court proceeding and are not otherwise excluded from transfer under the following paragraph.

It is specifically provided that the cases ordered transferred by this order shall not include:

- original proceedings;
- appeals from trial courts and pretrial courts in multidistrict litigation under Rule of Judicial Administration 13.9(b);
- appeals in cases involving termination of parental rights and from orders certifying a juvenile to stand trial as an adult under Rule of Judicial Administration 6.2(a);
- appeals by the State of an order granting bail under Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 31.8;
- appeals that fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals;
- appeals in cases brought under the Election Code;
- appeals involving challenges to the constitutionality of a state or local law, regulation, ordinance, or policy (if not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals); and
- those appeals that, in the opinion of the Chief Justice of the transferring court, contain extraordinary circumstances or circumstances indicating that emergency action may be required.

The transferring court of appeals will make the necessary orders for transfer of the cases as directed hereby and will cause the Clerk of that court to transfer the appellate record in each case, and certify all orders made, to the court of appeals to which the cases are transferred. When a block of cases is transferred, the transferring court will implement the transfer of the case files in groups not less than once a month. Upon completion of the transfer of the requisite number of cases ordered transferred, the transferring court shall submit a list of the cases transferred, identified by style and number, to the State Office of Court Administration, and shall immediately notify the parties or their attorneys in the cases transferred of the transfer and the court to which transferred.

The provisions of Misc. Docket Order No. 06-9136 shall apply except Sections 1.02 and 1.03 of that order, which are superseded by the above.

Dated: October 2, 2026.

James D. Blacklock, Chief Justice

Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice

John P. Devine, Justice

J. Brett Busby, Justice

Jane N. Bland, Justice

Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice

Evan A. Young, Justice

James P. Sullivan, Justice

Kyle D. Hawkins, Justice