

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2014 - 2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	93	91	100	117	135
Other Than Regular Causes	1,118	1,175	1,095	1,197	1,281
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	7	7	4	5	6
Motions	2,189	2,477	2,285	2,469	2,591
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	96	114	102	102	118
Other Than Regular Causes	1,121	1,102	1,085	1,178	1,324
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	13	10	3	4	5
Motions	2,173	2,326	2,289	2,436	2,611
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	45	22	20	35	52
Other Than Regular Causes	400	472	485	508	467
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	2	3	3	4

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 2018

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2017²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2018</i>
REGULAR CAUSES					
Granted Petitions for Review	33	114	147	100	47
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	2	15	17	13	4
Reinstated Cause	0	3	3	3	0
U.S. Certified Question	0	2	2	1	1
Parental Notification Appeals	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Appeals	0	0	0	0	0
Granted Rehearing of Causes	0	1	1	1	0
Total for Regular Causes	35	135	170	118	52
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES					
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2017²</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2018</i>
Petitions for Review	422	944	1,366	994	372
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	61	204	265	204	61
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	2	13	15	7	8
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	4	4	3	1
Certified Questions	0	2	2	2	0
Direct Appeals	0	2	2	2	0
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	1	1	2	1	1
Parental Notification Waiver	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	19	106	125	104	21
Multidistrict Litigation	4	4	8	5	3
Request for Suspension of Judge	1	1	2	2	0
Total for Other than Regular Causes	510	1,281	1,791	1,324	467
MOTIONS					
	17	38	55	32	23
Causes					
Petitions for Review	41	171	211	197	14
Mandamus: Civil	2	30	32	25	7
Habeas Corpus	0	2	2	2	0
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Appeal	0	2	2	2	0
Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	0	1	1	1	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	4	4	4	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	8	846	854	847	7
Miscellaneous Motions	---	1,497	---	1,500	---
Total for Motions	68	2,591	2,658	2,611	51
OTHER ACTIONS					
Disciplinary Actions	3	6	9	5	4
TOTAL FOR ALL	616	4,013	4,628	4,058	574

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 2018

Granted Petitions for Review

Abated	2
Affirmed	18
Affirmed and remanded to trial court	3
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	4
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & trial court judgment reinstated	1
Affirmed in part, vacated in part & remanded	1
Dismissed	1
Dismissed as moot	1
Modified and affirmed	1
Reversed & dismissed	1
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	1
Reversed, trial court judgment reinstated	8
Reversed & remanded	11
Reversed & remanded to trial court	19
Reversed & rendered	10
Reversed, rendered in part & remanded to trial court	1
Vacated & dismissed	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	10
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	100

Petitions for Writs of Mandamus

Conditionally granted	8
Denied	3
Denied with opinion	1
Dismissed as moot	1
TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	13

Reinstated Cause

Affirmed	1
Reversed & remanded	1
Petition granted motion under TRAP 56.3	1
TOTAL: Reinstated Cause	3

U. S. Certified Question

Dismissed	1
	1

Granted Rehearing of Cause

Reversed & remanded to trial court	1
	1

TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	118
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Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2018

	<i>Initial Review Granted / Accepted</i>	<i>Set to Argue</i>	<i>Review Refused/ Denied</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>
Petitions for Review	122	0	818	24	6	1	20	0	3	994
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	7	8	162	17	4	0	6	0	0	204
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Certified Questions	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Emergency Stays	22	0	68	14	0	0	0	0	0	104
Multidistrict Litigation	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Request for Suspension of Judge	2 ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	4 ⁴	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL FOR ALL	165	8	1,057	61	12	1	26	0	3	1,333

³ Order issued

⁴ Affirmed

Disposition of Motions: FY 2018

	<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</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>
Rehearing of	Causes	1	31	0	0	0	0	0	32
	Petitions for Review	6	191	0	1	0	0	0	198
	Mandamus: Civil	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25
	Habeas Corpus	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Disciplinary Appeal	0	2	0	0	0	0	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	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Motions for Extension of Time to File	811	20	7	13	0	0	0	0	847
Miscellaneous Motions	1,369	86	45	0	0	0	0	0	1,500
TOTAL	2,187	362	52	14	0	0	0	0	2,611

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2018

<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	1	1	0	0	0	0	13
Justice Paul W. Green	10	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	13
Justice Phil Johnson	7	5	2	5	1	0	0	0	20
Justice Don R. Willett	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Justice Eva M. Guzman	7	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	14
Justice Debra H. Lehrmann	10	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	19
Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd	8	5	1	7	0	0	0	0	21
Justice John P. Devine	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	8
Justice Jeff V. Brown	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Justice James D. Blacklock	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
TOTAL	71	29	8	21	2	0	0	1	132

**Action by the Supreme Court
in Granted Petitions for Review & Rehearing of Causes
By Court of Appeals: FY 2018**

	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															
Court of Appeals ruling is:															
Affirmed	1	1	4	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	2	1	18
Affirmed and remanded to trial court	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & trial court judgment reinstated	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed in part, vacated in part & remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Modified and affirmed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Reversed & dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed, trial court judgment reinstated	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8
Reversed & remanded	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	11
Reversed & remanded to trial court	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	0	20
Reversed & rendered	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	10
Reversed, rendered in part & remanded to trial court	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vacated & dismissed	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	9
TOTAL	6	9	8	12	11	2	3	4	3	6	3	3	13	13	96

Note: 2 cases were abated and 2 cases were dismissed.

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2018

<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	Ector	5	Lee	1	Taylor	4
Angelina	3	Edwards	1	Leon	1	Tom Green	3
Aransas	1	El Paso	10	Liberty	5	Travis	53
Archer	1	Fannin	1	Limestone	4	Trinity	1
Atascosa	2	Fort Bend	12	Live Oak	1	Van Zandt	1
Bailey	2	Frio	1	Lubbock	10	Victoria	2
Bandera	2	Galveston	9	Marion	2	Walker	2
Bastrop	2	Glasscock	1	Martin	1	Waller	2
Bee	3	Gray	5	Maverick	3	Washington	1
Bell	4	Grayson	2	McLennan	6	Webb	8
Bexar	75	Gregg	3	Medina	1	Wheeler	2
Bowie	4	Grimes	3	Midland	4	Wichita	3
Brazoria	4	Guadalupe	2	Montague	2	Wilbarger	2
Brazos	3	Hale	1	Montgomery	5	Willacy	1
Burnet	2	Hardeman	1	Nueces	5	Williamson	8
Calhoun	1	Hardin	3	Orange	3	Wilson	2
Cameron	7	Harris	172	Palo Pinto	2	Wise	1
Carson	4	Harrison	1	Parker	6	Wood	2
Chambers	1	Henderson	2	Polk	5	Zapata	2
Cochran	2	Hidalgo	19	Potter	10	No county	128
Collin	18	Howard	1	Rains	2		
Collingsworth	1	Hunt	4	Randall	3		
Colorado	1	Jack	2	Reagan	1		
Comal	3	Jasper	2	Rockwall	3		
Comanche	1	Jefferson	10	San Augustine	1		
Cooke	5	Jim Wells	1	San Patricio	2		
Dallas	95	Johnson	4	San Saba	1		
Dawson	1	Karnes	7	Shelby	1		
De Witt	6	Kendall	1	Smith	3		
Deaf Smith	1	Kerr	2	Starr	1		
Denton	12	Lamar	1	Sterling	1		
Donley	1	Lamb	1	Swisher	2		
Eastland	2	Lavaca	1	Tarrant	51		

TOTAL = 944

Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by Court of Appeals: FY 2018

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2018	Total Disposed in FY 2018				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Other Disposition</i>		
1 st Houston	128	7	131	2	6	146	4.8%
2 nd Fort Worth	81	15	64	2	5	87	17.2%
3 rd Austin	77	11	68	5	2	87	12.6%
4 th San Antonio	126	11	124	2	1	138	8.0%
5 th Dallas	141	18	94	10	8	130	13.8%
6 th Texarkana	24	3	22	1	1	27	11.1%
7 th Amarillo	62	5	55	0	0	60	8.3%
8 th El Paso	18	3	18	1	0	22	13.6%
9 th Beaumont	37	6	29	0	0	35	17.1%
10 th Waco	21	4	24	0	0	28	14.3%
11 th Eastland	28	2	22	0	0	24	8.3%
12 th Tyler	25	4	23	0	0	27	14.8%
13 th Corpus Christi	66	15	50	1	2	68	22.1%
14 th Houston	110	16	94	0	5	115	13.9%
Totals	944	120	818	24	30	994	12.1%