

FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS REPORT



Fiscal Year 2025



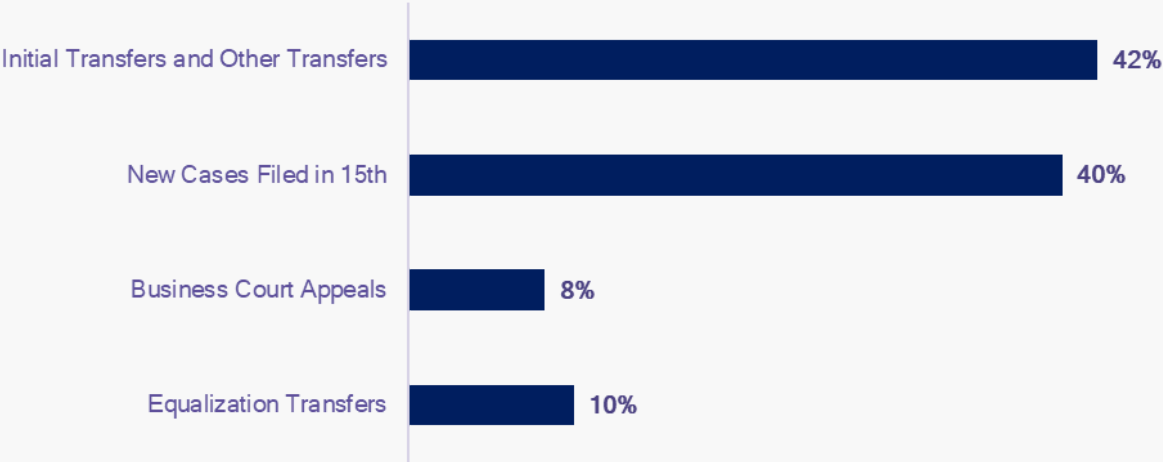
ABOUT THE COURT

The Legislature created the Fifteenth Court of Appeals during the 88th Session in 2023. The Court is composed of a Chief Justice and two justices. The Fifteenth Court's initial term began on September 1, 2024.

The Court has statewide civil intermediate appellate jurisdiction and exclusive intermediate appellate jurisdiction over matters arising out of or related to a civil appeals brought by or against the state or a board, commission, department, office, or other agency in the executive branch of the state government, including a university system or institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, or by or against an officer or employee of the state or a board, commission, department, office, or other agency in the executive branch of the state government arising out of that officer's or employee's official conduct (subject to certain exceptions). In addition, the Fifteenth Court had exclusive jurisdiction over appeals from the Texas Business Court, involving cases dealing with business disputes valued at more than \$10 million for FY 2025, and moving forward with disputes valued at more than \$5 million after House Bill 40 (89th Regular Legislative Session) amended Sections 25A.001(14) and 25A.004 of the Texas Government Code to Modify the definition of a "qualified transaction." The 89th Legislature authorized an additional justice in 2028 and another in 2029 (HB 16, 89th 2nd C.S.).

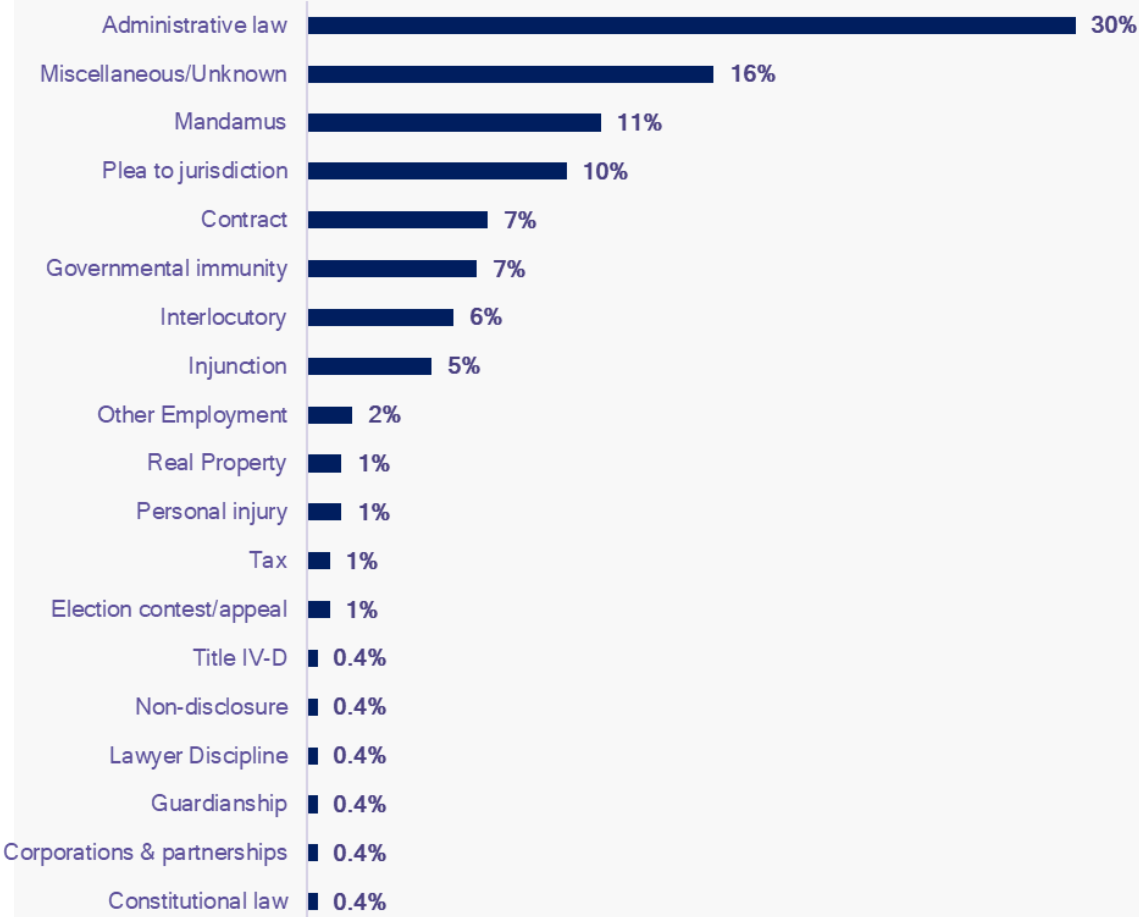
CASES FILED

In the Court’s first year of operation 279 cases were filed.[1] Approximately 120 existing cases purportedly under the jurisdiction of the 15th Court were transferred from the other courts of appeals. More than 110 cases were filed directly with the Court, and another 23 cases were appeals from the Business Court. The Court also received 28 cases as part of the Supreme Court’s docket equalization program which strives to reduce disparities in caseload per justice amongst the courts of appeals.



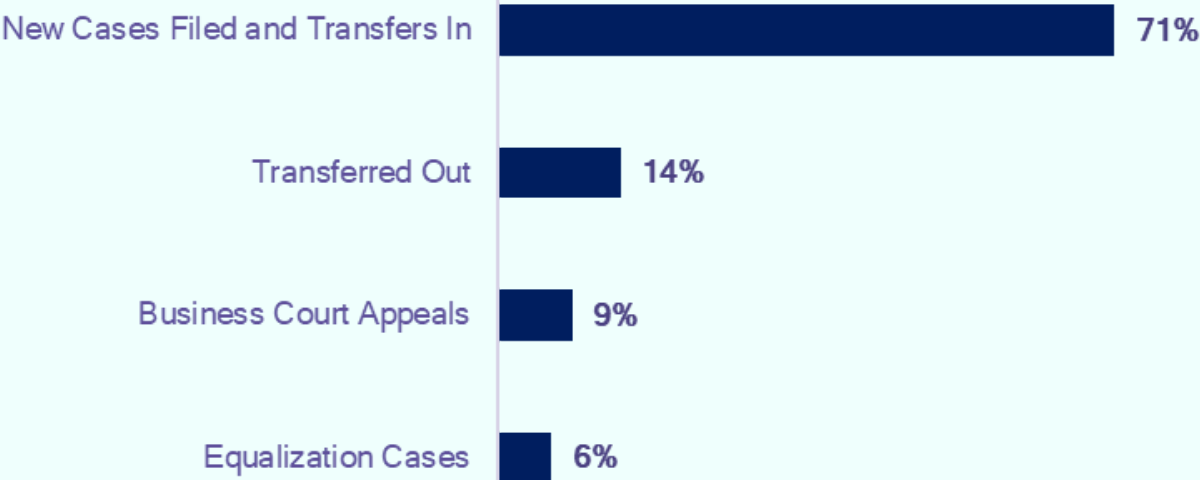
[1] Excludes seven reinstated cases and one rehearing granted.

Excluding Business Court appeals and equalization program transfers, 228 cases were filed. The largest share of cases were classified as administrative law, and the next largest were miscellaneous civil.



CASES DISPOSED

The Court disposed of 163 cases during FY 2025.[2] Ten cases were equalization transfers, 14 were Business Court appeals, and 23 were transferred to other courts of appeals due to jurisdiction.



[2] Excludes reinstated cases and rehearings granted.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 TO AUGUST 31, 2025

Cases Pending September 1, 2024

New cases filed
 Rehearings granted
 Cases reinstated
 Cases remanded from higher courts
 Cases transferred in
 Cases transferred out

Total Cases Added

Total Cases On Docket

Dispositions:

Cases affirmed
 Cases modified and/or reformed and affirmed
 Cases affirmed in part and in part reversed and remanded
 Cases affirmed in part and in part reversed and rendered
 Cases reversed and remanded
 Cases reversed and rendered
 Cases otherwise disposed
 Cases dismissed
 Case consolidations or voids

Total Cases Disposed

Cases Pending August 31, 2025

Number pending up to 6 months
 Number pending from 6 to 12 months
 Number pending from 12 to 24 months
 Number pending over 24 months

Average time between filing and disposition (in months)
 Average percent of cases filed but not yet disposed for less than 2 years
 Average time between submission and disposition (in months)
 Average percent of cases under submission for less than 1 year

Clearance Rate

15th -Statewide 3 Justices		
Civil	Crim	Total
0		0
135		135
1		1
7		7
0		0
142		142
(23)		(23)
262		262
262		262
24		24
1		1
1		1
1		1
5		5
18		18
43		43
47		47
0		0
140		140
122		122
83		83
39		39
0		0
0		0
4.6		4.6
100%		100%
1.7		1.7
100%		100%
53.4%		53.4%

NEW CASES FILED BY COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 TO AUGUST 31, 2025

County	Cases	% of Total
None	2	1.5%
Bell	1	0.7%
Bexar	3	2.2%
Brazos	1	0.7%
Chambers	1	0.7%
Collin	7	5.2%
Coryell	2	1.5%
Dallas	4	3.0%
De Witt	1	0.7%
Denton	1	0.7%
Ector	1	0.7%
El Paso	2	1.5%
Fort Bend	1	0.7%
Galveston	1	0.7%
Harris	9	6.7%
Harrison	3	2.2%
Hays	1	0.7%
Montgomery	1	0.7%
Moore	1	0.7%
Tarrant	7	5.2%
Travis	83	61.5%
Uvalde	1	0.7%
Walker	1	0.7%
Total	135	



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