**Supreme Court Activity: FY 2001 - 2005** 

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes <sup>1</sup>	119	118	115	99	150
Other Than Regular Causes	1,296	1,288	1,260	1,103	1,082
Disciplinary Appeals	5	7	14	9	3
Motions	1,642	1,778	2,761	1,607	1,730
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	118	112	101	109	136
Other Than Regular Causes	1,287	1,302	1,261	1,051	1,098
Disciplinary Appeals	10	4	13	11	8
Motions	1,600	1,812	2,775	1,517	1,748
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	63	62	79	75	88
Other Than Regular Causes	380	371	377	425	449
Disciplinary Appeals	1	4	5	3	1
Motions	147	126	121	212	198

NOTE: Data for prior fiscal years are from the respective Annual Reports of the Texas Judicial System.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "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 2005**

	<i>Pending:</i> 9/1/2004 <sup>2</sup>	Causes Added	Total on Docket	Dispositions	Pending: 8/31/2005
REGULAR CAUSES				•	
Granted Petitions for Review		106		105	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus		33		28	
Granted Rehearings of Causes		2		0	
Motions for Rehearing of Causes		0		0	
Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus		2		3	
Accepted Certified Question		4		0	
Parental Notification Appeals		0		0	
Direct Appeals		3		0	
Total for Regular Causes	74	150	224	136	88
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES					
Petitions for Review	371	805	1,176	823	353
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	92	255	347	256	91
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	1	8	9	8	1
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	3	3	1	2
Direct Appeals	0	3	3	3	0
Certified Questions	0	4	4	4	0
Petitions for Certiorari	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions for Temporary Injunctions	0	0	0	0	0
Parental Notification Waiver	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	1	4	5	3	2
Total for Other than Regular Causes	465	1,082	1,547	1,098	449
MOTIONS					
Causes	12	39	51	39	12
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeals	1	0	1	1	0
ত Disciplinary Appeal	0	2	2	2	0
To Disciplinary Appeal Habeas Corpus Mandamus: Civil	0	3	3	3	0
본 I	10	31	41	37	4
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions for Review	25	159	184	164	20
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction  Miscellaneous Motions <sup>3</sup>	0	0 1,496	1 664	1 502	162
Fotal for Motions	168 <b>216</b>	1,730	1,664 <b>1,946</b>	1,502 <b>1,748</b>	162 198
	210	1,750	1,770	1,770	170
OTHER ACTIONS Disciplinary Actions	6	2	0	o	1
Disciplinary Actions	6	3	9	8	1
ΓΟΤΑL FOR ALL	761	2,965	3,726	2,990	736

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Includes Motions for Extension of Time to File.

### Final Disposition of Regular Causes: FY 2005

Granted Petitions for Review		Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	
Affirmed	10	Conditionally granted	22
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	2	Denied	1
Affirmed in part & reversed in part & judgment rendered	3	Dismissed	5
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & remanded	2	TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	28
Dismissed	5		
Dismissed - settled	5	<b>Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus</b>	
Modified	1	Discharged	1
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	2	Granted	2
Reversed & remanded	12	TOTAL: Writs of Habeas Corpus	3
Reversed & remanded for settlement	4		
Reversed & remanded to trial court	13	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	136
Reversed & rendered	31		
Reversed, rendered in part, & remanded to trial court	3		
Reversed & trial court affirmed	1		
Reversed in part	2		
Withdrawn	3		
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	6		
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	105		

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2005

	Initial Review Granted / Accepted	Set to Argue	Review Refused/ Denied	Dismissed	Dismissed w/o Jurisdiction	Abated	Struck	Trans- ferred	With- drawn	Other Dismissals	Total
Petitions for Review	112 4	0	661	14	11	3	16	3	1	2	823
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	22 5	15	183	20	0	1	11	2	0	2	256
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Direct Appeals	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Certified Questions	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Petitions for Certiorari	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions for Temporary Injunctions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parental Notification Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	7 6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
TOTAL FOR ALL	152	15	852	35	11	4	27	5	1	4	1,106

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Includes three cases affirming a decision of a tribunal appointed to review decisions of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. See Rules For Removal or Retirement of Judges, Rules 12, 13. <sup>5</sup> Conditionally granted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Affirmed.

**Disposition of Motions: FY 2005** 

				1	Dismissed	!			Other	
		Granted	Denied	Dismissed	WOJ	Returned	Struck	Transferred	Dismissals	Total
	Causes	2	36	0	0	1	0	0	0	39
jo	Direct Appeals	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rehearing	Disciplinary Appeals	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
hea	Habeas Corpus	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Re	Mandamus	1	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
	Petitions for Review	4	158	0	0	0	2	0	0	164
Motions for Extension of Time to File		442	18	4	1	0	1	0	1	467
Miscellaneous Motions Passed On by Court		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL		449	254	4	1	1	3	0	1	713

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2005

Majority Opinions	62					
Per Curiam Opinions	46					
Concurring	13					
Dissenting	12					
Concurring and Dissenting	1					
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	2					
On Motion for Rehearing	0					
Other Opinions	0					
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED 136						

## **Opinions of the Supreme Court: FY 2005**

Justices	Majority Opinions	Per Curiam Opinions	Concurring Opinions	Dissenting Opinions	Concurring and Dissenting	Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	Other Opinions	Total
Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson	11	7	1	1	0	0	0	20
Justice Nathan L. Hecht	9	6	3	2	0	0	0	20
Justice Priscilla R. Owen	10	6	1	2	0	1	0	21
Justice Harriet O' Neill	12	3	4	4	0	1	0	25
Justice Michael H. Schneider	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Justice Dale Wainwright	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	11
Justice Steven W. Smith	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Justice Scott A. Brister	10	10	1	0	1	0	0	23
Justice David Medina	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	8
Justice Paul Green	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Justice Phil Johnson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	62	46	13	12	1	2	0	136

#### Action by the Supreme Court in Granted Petitions For Review By Court of Appeals: FY 2005

	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>4</b> <sup>TH</sup>	<b>5</b> <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>7</b> <sup>TH</sup>	<b>8</b> <sup>TH</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>	10 <sup>TH</sup>	11 <sup>TH</sup>	12 <sup>TH</sup>	13 <sup>TH</sup>	14 <sup>TH</sup>	Total
OPINIONS ISSUED															
Court of Appeals ruling is:															
Affirmed	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	10
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & judgment rendered	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Modified	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Reversed & remanded	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	12
Reversed & remanded for settlement	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Reversed & remanded to trial court	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	4	0	13
Reversed, rendered in part, & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Reversed & rendered	5	4	5	1	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	7	1	31
Reversed & trial court affirmed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed in part	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Withdrawn	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW DISPOSED															
Dismissed	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5
Dismissed - settled	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
TOTAL	16	10	10	4	15	4	1	1	4	4	1	4	22	9	105

## **Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2005**

County	Number	County	Number	County	Number	County	Number
Harris	132	Hunt	4	Live Oak	2	Howard	1
Dallas	91	Jim Wells	4	Marion	2	Jackson	1
Travis	63	Randall	4	Midland	2	Jeff Davis	1
Tarrant	47	Victoria	4	Morris	2	Jones	1
Bexar	40	Wharton	4	Navarro	2	Kendall	1
Nueces	31	Bosque	3	Palo Pinto	2	Kenedy	1
El Paso	29	Freestone	3	Reagan	2	Knox	1
Hidalgo	21	Gillespie	3	Rockwall	2	Lamar	1
Denton	16	Gregg	3	San Patricio	2	Lavaca	1
Collin	15	Hardin	3	Taylor	2	Limestone	1
Jefferson	15	Henderson	3	Trinity	2	Madison	1
McLennan	13	Liberty	3	Uvalde	2	Maverick	1
Brazoria	11	Matagorda	3	Wheeler	2	McCulloch	1
Fort Bend	11	Medina	3	Austin	1	Montague	1
Anderson	10	Orange	3	Bee	1	Nacogdoches	1
Brazos	9	Potter	3	Bell	1	Reeves	1
Lubbock	9	Rusk	3	Calhoun	1	Refugio	1
Galveston	8	Tom Green	3	Callahan	1	San Jacinto	1
Webb	8	Brown	2	Childress	1	Schleicher	1
Cameron	7	Burleson	2	Coleman	1	Scurry	1
Johnson	7	Caldwell	2	Dallam	1	Shelby	1
Polk	7	Comal	2	De Witt	1	Somervell	1
Bowie	6	Ector	2	Deaf Smith	1	Stephens	1
Montgomery	6	Hays	2	Duval	1	Stonewall	1
Smith	6	Hill	2	Garza	1	Upshur	1
Coryell	5	Hopkins	2	Gray	1	Van Zandt	1
Titus	5	Jack	2	Grayson	1	Wichita	1
Walker	5	Karnes	2	Guadalupe	1	Winkler	1
Angelina	4	Kerr	2	Hale	1	Wise	1
Ellis	4	Lee	2	Hockley	1		

**GRAND TOTAL = 796^7** 

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 7}$  Nine cases were not associated with a county.

# Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by Court of Appeals: FY 2005

		Total Disposed in FY 2005 <sup>8</sup>											
Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2005 <sup>9</sup>	Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Other Disposition	Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted						
1 <sup>st</sup> Houston	157	10	69	2	1	82	12.2%						
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fort Worth	68	5	53	3	2	63	7.9%						
3 <sup>rd</sup> Austin	84	15	65	1	2	83	18.1%						
4 <sup>th</sup> San Antonio	68	6	58	1	3	68	8.8%						
5 <sup>th</sup> Dallas	114	16	79	2	5	102	15.7%						
6 <sup>th</sup> Texarkana	22	4	32	1	0	37	10.8%						
7 <sup>th</sup> Amarillo	25	1	27	2	1	31	3.2%						
8 <sup>th</sup> El Paso	38	2	32	1	1	36	5.6%						
9 <sup>th</sup> Beaumont	42	10	27	2	1	40	25.0%						
10 <sup>th</sup> Waco	43	6	44	2	1	53	11.3%						
11 <sup>th</sup> Eastland	14	2	19	0	1	22	9.0%						
12 <sup>th</sup> Tyler	24	3	18	0	0	21	14.3%						
13 <sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi	82	19	57	5	3	84	22.6%						
14 <sup>th</sup> Houston	22	10	77	2	3	92	10.9%						
Totals	803	109	657	24	24	814	13.4%						

 $<sup>^8</sup>$  Two cases were not associated with a court of appeals district.  $^9$  Nine cases were not associated with a court of appeals district.