

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2002 - 2006

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	118	115	99	150	142
Other Than Regular Causes	1,288	1,260	1,103	1,082	1,164
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	7	14	9	3	3
Motions	1,778	2,761	1,607	1,730	1,767
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	112	101	109	136	133
Other Than Regular Causes	1,302	1,261	1,051	1,098	1,092
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	13	11	8	4
Motions	1,812	2,775	1,517	1,748	1,711
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	62	79	75	88	93
Other Than Regular Causes	371	377	425	449	528
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	5	3	1	0
Motions	126	121	212	198	255

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 2006

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2005²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2006</i>
REGULAR CAUSES					
Granted Petitions for Review		108		97	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus		30		30	
Granted Rehearings of Causes		1		1	
Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus		0		0	
Accepted Certified Question		3		2	
Parental Notification Appeals		0		0	
Direct Appeals		0		3	
Total for Regular Causes	84	142	226	133	93
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES					
Petitions for Review	356	897	1,253	822	431
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	95	235	330	238	92
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	1	15	16	15	1
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	2	2	4	4	0
Direct Appeals	0	3	3	2	1
Certified Questions	0	3	3	2	1
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	1	1	1	0
Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	2	8	10	8	2
Total for Other than Regular Causes	456	1,164	1,620	1,092	528
MOTIONS					
Rehearing of Causes	12	43	55	41	14
Petitions for Review	20	161	181	158	23
Mandamus: Civil	4	41	45	40	5
Habeas Corpus	0	5	5	5	0
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	1	1	0
Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	3	3	3	0
Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0
Rule 24.4	0	2	2	2	0
Miscellaneous Motions ³	163	1,511	1,674	1,461	213
Total for Motions	199	1,767	1,966	1,711	255
OTHER ACTIONS					
Disciplinary Actions	1	3	4	4	0
TOTAL FOR ALL	740	3,076	3,816	2,940	876

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.

³ Includes Motions for Extension of Time to File.

Final Disposition of Regular Causes: FY 2006

Granted Petitions for Review		Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	
Affirmed	5	Conditionally granted	24
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	2	Dismissed	5
Affirmed in part & reversed in part & rendered in part & remanded	1	Dismissed – settled	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & remanded	2	TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	30
Dismissed	1	Accepted Certified Question	
Dismissed – improvident grant	1	Answered	2
Dismissed - settled	1	TOTAL: Certified Question	2
Reversed & dismissed	2	Direct Appeal	
Reversed & remanded	17	Trial court affirmed in part & reversed in part	3
Reversed & remanded for settlement	6	TOTAL: Direct Appeal	3
Reversed & remanded to trial court	16	<hr/>	
Reversed & rendered	24	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	133
Reversed, rendered in part, & remanded to trial court	2		
Reversed & trial court affirmed	1		
Reversed in part	1		
Vacated	5		
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	10		
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	97		
Granted Rehearing of Cause			
Reversed & remanded to trial court	1		
TOTAL: Rehearing of Cause	1		

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2006

	<i>Initial Review Granted / Accepted</i>	<i>Set to Argue</i>	<i>Review Refused/ Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Dismissed w/o Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Trans- ferred</i>	<i>With- drawn</i>	<i>Other Dismissals</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review	119	0	641	10	12	5	23	10	0	2	822
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	14 ⁴	14	176	19	0	2	4	5	1	3	238
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	15
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Direct Appeals	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Certified Questions	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
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	1	0	1
Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	3	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	3 ⁵	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL FOR ALL	141	14	836	34	12	7	27	18	2	5	1,096

⁴ Conditionally granted.

⁵ Affirmed.

Disposition of Motions: FY 2006

		<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>				<i>Transferred</i>	<i>Other Dismissals</i>	<i>Total</i>
				<i>WOJ</i>	<i>Returned</i>	<i>Struck</i>				
Rehearing of	Causes	1	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
	Petitions for Review	2	156	0	0	0	0	0	0	158
	Mandamus: Civil	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
	Habeas Corpus	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
	Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Rule 24.4		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Motions for Extension of Time to File		470	13	9	0	0	0	0	0	492
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		475	256	9	0	0	0	0	2	742

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2006

Majority Opinions	48
Per Curiam Opinions	60
Concurring	12
Dissenting	21
Concurring and Dissenting	3
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	3
On Motion for Rehearing	1
Other Opinions	1
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED	149

Opinions of the Supreme Court: FY 2006

<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>Other Opinions</i>	<i>Total</i>
Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson	7	10	0	0	1	0	1	19
Justice Nathan L. Hecht	4	13	2	3	0	0	0	22
Justice Harriet O' Neill	6	2	2	5	0	1	0	16
Justice Dale Wainwright	3	1	3	4	0	0	0	11
Justice Scott A. Brister	9	12	4	4	0	2	0	31
Justice David Medina	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	10
Justice Paul Green	6	7	0	0	0	0	1	14
Justice Phil Johnson	3	8	1	2	2	0	0	16
Justice Don Willett	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	9
Justice Jane Bland	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	48	60	12	21	3	3	2	149

Action by the Supreme Court in Granted Petitions For Review By Court of Appeals: FY 2006

	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	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Affirmed in part & reversed in part & rendered in part & remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & remanded	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed & dismissed	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed & remanded	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	3	1	1	3	1	17
Reversed & remanded for settlement	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	6
Reversed & remanded to trial court	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	16
Reversed & rendered	2	2	0	1	3	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	6	4	24
Reversed, rendered in part, & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Reversed & trial court affirmed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Vacated	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	10
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW DISPOSED															
Dismissed	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dismissed – improvident grant	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dismissed – settled	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	10	8	7	6	11	1	2	6	5	9	1	3	14	14	97

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2006

<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	Erath	1	Jim Wells	1	Polk	3
Angelina	2	Falls	1	Johnson	11	Potter	9
Austin	1	Fayette	1	Jones	3	Randall	5
Bastrop	1	Fort Bend	9	Karnes	2	Red River	1
Bee	1	Freestone	1	Kaufman	6	Refugio	3
Bell	3	Frio	2	Kendall	1	Robertson	1
Bexar	44	Gaines	2	Kerr	1	Rockwall	1
Bowie	9	Galveston	8	Kleberg	3	Rusk	4
Brazoria	8	Gillespie	1	Lamar	2	San Patricio	2
Brazos	5	Goliad	1	Lavaca	1	Shelby	1
Brown	2	Gray	3	Liberty	1	Smith	7
Burnet	2	Grayson	2	Limestone	3	Starr	4
Calhoun	1	Gregg	7	Lipscomb	1	Stephens	2
Cameron	13	Grimes	1	Live Oak	2	Stonewall	1
Castro	1	Hamilton	2	Loving	1	Swisher	1
Chambers	3	Hardin	1	Lubbock	11	Tarrant	54
Cochran	1	Harris	188	Mason	1	Taylor	5
Collin	10	Harrison	1	Matagorda	2	Terry	2
Comal	1	Haskell	1	McCulloch	1	Tom Green	2
Concho	2	Hays	3	McLennan	8	Travis	57
Cooke	1	Hidalgo	34	Medina	1	Uvalde	1
Coryell	1	Hill	1	Midland	5	Van Zandt	2
Culberson	1	Hockley	2	Montgomery	8	Victoria	2
Dallam	2	Hood	1	Nacogdoches	7	Walker	2
Dallas	108	Hopkins	1	Navarro	1	Waller	1
Dawson	1	Houston	1	Newton	2	Wharton	1
De Witt	3	Hudspeth	1	Nolan	3	Wichita	5
Denton	14	Hunt	1	Nueces	25	Wilbarger	3
Duval	2	Hutchinson	1	Orange	1	Willacy	2
Ector	3	Jack	1	Palo Pinto	2	Williamson	8
El Paso	26	Jackson	1	Panola	1	Wise	1
Ellis	4	Jefferson	14	Parker	3		
GRAND TOTAL = 890⁶							

⁶ Seven cases were not associated with a county.

**Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by
Court of Appeals: FY 2006**

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2006	Total Disposed in FY 2006				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Other Disposition		
1 st Houston	86	11	66	1	1	79	13.9 %
2 nd Fort Worth	75	12	41	2	1	56	21.4 %
3 rd Austin	76	6	58	2	4	70	8.6 %
4 th San Antonio	59	7	51	3	3	64	10.9 %
5 th Dallas	121	11	105	3	3	122	9.0 %
6 th Texarkana	27	1	21	1	2	25	4.0 %
7 th Amarillo	46	2	35	0	2	39	5.1 %
8 th El Paso	35	9	35	1	0	45	20.0 %
9 th Beaumont	22	6	14	0	3	23	26.1 %
10 th Waco	51	12	32	1	2	47	25.5 %
11 th Eastland	40	2	23	0	1	26	7.7 %
12 th Tyler	27	6	20	1	4	31	19.4 %
13 th Corpus Christi	109	22	64	2	5	93	23.7 %
14 th Houston	110	12	69	3	6	90	13.3 %
<i>Not associated with a court of appeals</i>	13	0	7	2	3	12	0.0 %
Totals	884	119	641	22	40	822	14.5 %