

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2008 - 2012

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	138	106	128	106	114
Other Than Regular Causes	1,086	1,132	1,202	1,125	1,100
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	5	7	7	4	10
Motions	1,876	2,070	1,894	1,984	2,063
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	164	125	110	137	112
Other Than Regular Causes	1,153	1,065	1,223	1,102	1,089
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	6	6	8	8
Motions	1,905	2,051	1,892	1,965	1,996
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	80	62	83	52	54
Other Than Regular Causes	355	424	403	424	441
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	5	6	2	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 2012

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2011²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2012</i>	
REGULAR CAUSES						
Granted Petitions for Review	46	88	134	92	42	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	5	17	22	14	8	
Granted Rehearings of Causes	0	3	3	3	0	
Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0	
U.S. Certified Question	1	2	3	1	2	
Parental Notification Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Direct Appeals	0	2	2	0	2	
Disciplinary Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Reinstated Cause	0	2	2	2	0	
Total for Regular Causes	52	114	166	112	54	
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2011³</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2012</i>	
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES						
Petitions for Review	345	787	1,132	761	371	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	64	197	261	207	54	
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	3	5	8	6	2	
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	1	1	1	0	
Direct Appeals	2	1	3	3	0	
Certified Questions	0	1	1	1	0	
U.S. Certified Questions	0	1	1	1	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	
Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto	0	0	0	0	0	
Parental Notification Waiver	0	0	0	0	0	
Emergency Stays	14	100	114	102	12	
Multidistrict Litigation	2	7	9	7	2	
Total for Other than Regular Causes	430	1,100	1,530	1,089	441	
MOTIONS						
Rehearing of	Causes	9	33	42	38	4
	Petitions for Review	14	156	170	147	23
	Mandamus: Civil	6	24	30	30	0
	Habeas Corpus	0	4	4	3	1
	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	11	11	11	0
	Motions for Extension of Time to File	9	643	652	641	11
Miscellaneous Motions	---	1,191	1,191	1,125	---	
Total for Motions	38	2,063	2,101	1,996	39	
OTHER ACTIONS						
Disciplinary Actions	2	10	12	8	4	
TOTAL FOR ALL	522	3,287	3,809	3,205	538	

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.

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Final Disposition of Regular Causes: FY 2012

Granted Petitions for Review

Affirmed	9
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	2
Dismissed	3
Imprudently granted	1
Reversed & dismissed	1
Reversed & remanded	15
Reversed & remanded to trial court	21
Reversed & rendered	18
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	1
Vacated & remanded to trial court	2
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	15
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	92

Petitions for Writs of Mandamus

Conditionally granted	8
Denied	2
Dismissed	3
Dismissed for want of jurisdiction	1
TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	14

Accepted U.S. Certified Question

Question answered	1
TOTAL: U.S. Certified Question	1

Reinstated Cause

Affirmed	1
Question answered	1
TOTAL: Reinstated Cause	2

Granted Rehearing of Cause

Imprudently granted	1
Reversed & rendered	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	1
TOTAL: Rehearing of Cause	3

TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:

112

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2012

	<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	99	0	609	31	8	1	13	0	0	761
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	6 ⁴	11	159	23	1	1	6	0	0	207
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Direct Appeals	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Certified Questions	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
U.S. Certified Questions	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Petitions for Certiorari	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions for Temporary Injunctions	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
Parental Notification Appeals	0 ⁵	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions for Writ of Quo Warranto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	26	0	64	12	0	0	0	0	0	102
Multidistrict Litigation	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	8
TOTAL FOR ALL	147	11	838	71	9	2	19	0	0	1,097

⁴ Conditionally granted.

⁵ Affirmed.

Disposition of Motions: FY 2012

	<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>
Causes	3	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Rehearing of Petitions for Review	7	136	2	0	0	2	0	0	147
Mandamus: Civil	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Habeas Corpus	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Disciplinary Appeal	1	0	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	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
Motions for Extension of Time to File	594	22	10	2	13	0	0	0	641
Miscellaneous Motions	1,034	66	25	0	0	0	0	0	1,125
TOTAL	1,643	278	38	2	13	2	0	0	1,996

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2012

Majority Opinions	56
Per Curiam Opinions	38
Concurring	8
Dissenting	20
Concurring and Dissenting	6
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	0
On Motion for Rehearing	0
Other Opinions	0
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED	128

Opinions of the Supreme Court: FY 2012

<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 Wallace B. Jefferson	6	9	1	4	0	0	0	0	20
Justice Nathan L. Hecht	8	4	2	3	2	0	0	0	19
Justice Dale Wainwright	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	14
Justice David Medina	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	9
Justice Paul Green	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Justice Phil Johnson	6	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	11
Justice Don Willett	4	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	14
Justice Eva Guzman	7	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	16
Justice Debra Lehrmann	7	5	1	3	2	0	0	0	18
TOTAL	56	38	8	20	6	0	0	0	128

**Action by the Supreme Court
in Granted Petitions For Review & Rehearing of Causes
By Court of Appeals: FY 2012**

	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	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	9
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & rendered	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Dismissed	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
Improviently granted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Reversed & dismissed	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & remanded	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	3	1	15
Reversed & remanded to trial court	2	2	4	2	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	2	21
Reversed & rendered	4	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	4	2	19
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vacated & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	1	1	2	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	13
TOTAL	8	10	15	7	11	1	0	4	6	4	1	4	13	8	92

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2012

<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	7	Denton	18	Jim Wells	1	Rusk	1
Andrews	1	Duval	2	Johnson	5	Scurry	2
Angelina	3	Eastland	1	Kaufman	6	Shackelford	1
Aransas	1	Edwards	1	Kerr	1	Shelby	2
Atascosa	1	El Paso	25	Kleberg	1	Smith	4
Bastrop	3	Falls	1	La Salle	1	Starr	1
Bee	1	Fort Bend	11	Lamar	6	Stephens	1
Bell	8	Freestone	1	Liberty	1	Tarrant	53
Bexar	52	Frio	1	Limestone	1	Taylor	3
Blanco	1	Galveston	12	Llano	1	Tom Green	1
Borden	2	Goliad	1	Lubbock	11	Travis	45
Bowie	2	Gray	1	Marion	1	Tyler	1
Brazoria	12	Gregg	6	Matagorda	2	Uvalde	2
Brazos	4	Grimes	1	Maverick	3	Val Verde	1
Brewster	1	Hamilton	1	McLennan	5	Van Vandt	5
Brown	1	Hardin	1	Midland	3	Walker	5
Calhoun	3	Harris	176	Mitchell	1	Waller	1
Cameron	10	Harrison	1	Montgomery	34	Washington	2
Camp	2	Hays	4	Morris	1	Webb	8
Cherokee	1	Henderson	3	Nueces	7	Wharton	1
Clay	1	Hidalgo	25	Orange	4	Wichita	3
Collin	10	Hood	3	Parker	4	Williamson	6
Comal	1	Hopkins	1	Polk	3	Wise	1
Coryell	3	Hudspeth	1	Potter	4	Wood	2
Crockett	1	Hunt	1	Real	2	Zapata	1
Dallas	76	Hutchinson	1	Reeves	1	Zavala	1
Deaf Smith	1	Jefferson	11	Robertson	3		
TOTAL = 787							

Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by Court of Appeals: FY 2012

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2012	Total Disposed in FY 2012					Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Other Disposition			
1 st Houston	111	8	71	3	5	87	9.2%	
2 nd Fort Worth	79	11	56	1	3	71	15.5%	
3 rd Austin	64	13	39	0	4	56	23.2%	
4 th San Antonio	73	6	60	2	5	73	8.2%	
5 th Dallas	90	13	78	0	5	96	13.5%	
6 th Texarkana	25	3	22	0	1	26	11.5%	
7 th Amarillo	26	3	22	0	1	26	11.5%	
8 th El Paso	39	5	25	1	3	34	14.7%	
9 th Beaumont	47	4	42	2	4	52	7.7%	
10 th Waco	26	2	23	1	1	27	7.4%	
11 th Eastland	18	1	16	0	0	17	5.9%	
12 th Tyler	25	5	23	0	1	29	17.2%	
13 th Corpus Christi	54	14	50	2	1	67	20.9%	
14 th Houston	109	10	80	4	3	98	10.2%	
<i>Not associated with a court of appeals</i>	1	0	2	0	0	2	0.0%	
Totals	787	98	609	16	37	761	13.0%	