

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2013 - 2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	94	93	91	100	117
Other Than Regular Causes	1,118	1,118	1,175	1,095	1,197
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	14	7	7	4	5
Motions	1,748	2,189	2,477	2,285	2,469
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	100	96	114	102	102
Other Than Regular Causes	1,155	1,121	1,102	1,085	1,178
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	9	13	10	3	4
Motions	1,884	2,173	2,326	2,289	2,436
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	48	45	22	20	35
Other Than Regular Causes	400	400	472	485	508
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	9	4	2	3	3

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 2017

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2016²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2017</i>	
REGULAR CAUSES						
Granted Petitions for Review	20	104	124	91	33	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	0	12	12	10	2	
Granted Rehearings of Causes	0	0	0	0	0	
Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0	
U.S. Certified Question	0	0	0	0	0	
Parental Notification Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Disciplinary Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Reinstated Cause	0	1	1	1	0	
Total for Regular Causes	20	117	137	102	35	
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2016³</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2017</i>	
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES						
Petitions for Review	416	910	1,326	906	420	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	57	175	232	171	61	
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	3	4	7	5	2	
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	2	2	2	0	
Direct Appeals	0	2	2	2	0	
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	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	0	1	1	0	1	
Parental Notification Waiver	0	0	0	0	0	
Emergency Stays	12	97	109	90	19	
Multidistrict Litigation	1	6	7	3	4	
Total for Other than Regular Causes	489	1,197	1,686	1,179	507	
MOTIONS						
Rehearing of	Causes	20	29	49	32	17
	Petitions for Review	28	198	226	185	41
	Mandamus: Civil	3	19	22	20	2
	Habeas Corpus	0	1	1	1	0
	Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	1	1	1	0
	Disciplinary Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
	Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
	Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
	Multidistrict Litigation	0	0	0	0	0
	Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	4	4	4	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	6	731	737	729	8	
Miscellaneous Motions	---	1,486	1,486	1,464	---	
Total for Motions	57	2,469	2,526	2,436	68	
OTHER ACTIONS						
Disciplinary Actions	2	5	7	4	3	
TOTAL FOR ALL	568	3,788	4,356	3,720	614	

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 2017

Granted Petitions for Review		Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	
Abated	2	Conditionally granted	7
Affirmed	18	Denied	2
Affirmed and remanded to trial court	2	Dismissed without prejudice	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	3	TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	10
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	3		
Affirmed in part, vacated in part & remanded to trial court	1	Reinstated Cause	
Trial court affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to Public Utility Commission	1	Petition granted motion under TRAP 56.3	1
Modified and affirmed	1	TOTAL: Reinstated Cause	1
Reversed, trial court judgment reinstated	5		
Reversed & remanded	11		
Reversed & remanded to trial court	15	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	102
Reversed & rendered	11		
Reversed, rendered in part & remanded in part	1		
Reversed, rendered in part & remanded to trial court	1		
Reversed in part, vacated in part, judgment reinstated	1		
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	15		
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	91		

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2017

	<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	117	0	731	33	11	1	13	0	0	906
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	5	6	141	13	3	0	2	0	1	171
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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 Injunctions	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	24	0	58	8	0	0	0	0	0	90
Multidistrict Litigation	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	2*	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL FOR ALL	150	6	938	58	14	1	15	0	1	1,183

* Affirmed

Disposition of Motions: FY 2017

	<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	0	30	1	0	0	0	0	1	32
Petitions for Review	7	176	0	1	0	1	0	0	185
Mandamus: Civil	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Habeas Corpus	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prohibition & Injunction	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Multidistrict Litigation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Motions for Extension of Time to File	686	13	8	4	1	0	0	0	712
Miscellaneous Motions	1,347	72	40	0	0	5	0	0	1,464
TOTAL	2,040	317	49	5	1	6	0	1	2,419

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2017

Majority Opinions	65
Per Curiam Opinions	16
Concurring	14
Dissenting	11
Concurring and Dissenting	1
Petitions or Appeals Denied with Per Curiam	0
On Motion for Rehearing	0
Other Opinions	1
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED	108

Opinions of the Supreme Court: FY 2017

<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	0	2	0	0	0	0	13
Justice Paul W. Green	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Justice Phil Johnson	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	10
Justice Don R. Willett	7	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	14
Justice Eva M. Guzman	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	12
Justice Debra H. Lehrmann	6	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	10
Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd	6	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	14
Justice John P. Devine	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	11
Justice Jeff V. Brown	8	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	14
TOTAL	65	16	14	11	1	0	0	1	108

**Action by the Supreme Court
in Granted Petitions For Review & Rehearing of Causes
By Court of Appeals: FY 2017**

	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	3	0	4	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	18
Affirmed and remanded to trial court	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Affirmed in part, vacated in part & remanded to trial court	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Trial court affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to Public Utility Commission	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Modified and affirmed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Reversed, trial court judgment reinstated	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5
Reversed & remanded	0	1	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11
Reversed & remanded to trial court	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	4	3	15
Reversed & rendered	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	11
Reversed, rendered in part & remanded in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Reversed, rendered in part & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed in part, vacated in part, judgment reinstated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	13
TOTAL	9	5	10	5	8	1	10	3	5	0	0	0	15	16	87

Note: 2 cases were abated.

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2017

<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	El Paso	18	Kerr	1	Starr	2
Atascosa	1	Erath	1	Kleberg	1	Tarrant	43
Bailey	1	Fannin	3	La Salle	3	Taylor	6
Bastrop	3	Floyd	1	Lamar	3	Terry	2
Bee	3	Fort Bend	9	Lamb	2	Tom Green	4
Bell	6	Franklin	1	Lampasas	1	Travis	84
Bexar	51	Galveston	11	Limestone	3	Val Verde	3
Blanco	2	Grayson	2	Live Oak	5	Van Zandt	1
Bosque	2	Gregg	10	Lubbock	17	Walker	3
Bowie	1	Guadalupe	6	Matagorda	1	Waller	2
Brazoria	9	Hale	2	Maverick	1	Ward	1
Brazos	5	Hamilton	3	McLennan	12	Washington	2
Brooks	1	Hansford	2	Midland	5	Webb	8
Brown	2	Hardin	1	Montgomery	24	Wharton	1
Burleson	1	Harris	200	Nacogdoches	6	Wheeler	1
Burnet	3	Harrison	3	Nueces	13	Wichita	6
Cameron	5	Hays	5	Ochiltree	1	Willacy	2
Carson	2	Hemphill	2	Palo Pinto	7	Williamson	2
Cass	1	Henderson	5	Parker	5	Wilson	2
Castro	1	Hidalgo	10	Pecos	4	Wise	3
Cherokee	1	Hood	1	Polk	1	Wood	1
Collin	23	Hopkins	1	Potter	8	Young	1
Colorado	2	Howard	1	Randall	2	Zapata	1
Comal	5	Hunt	5	Red River	2		
Comanche	2	Hutchinson	1	Reeves	4		
Coryell	1	Jefferson	13	Roberts	1		
Crosby	1	Jim Wells	3	Robertson	1		
Dallas	88	Johnson	3	Rusk	1		
De Witt	1	Jones	1	San Patricio	3		
Deaf Smith	1	Karnes	2	Schleicher	1		
Denton	17	Kaufman	3	Shackelford	1		
Dimmit	1	Kendall	3	Smith	4		
Ector	4	Kerr	1	Somervell	1		
TOTAL = 910							

Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by Court of Appeals: FY 2017

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2017	Total Disposed in FY 2017				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Other Disposition		
1 st Houston	120	12	100	2	1	115	10.4%
2 nd Fort Worth	74	10	46	2	5	63	15.9%
3 rd Austin	102	8	75	10	3	96	8.3%
4 th San Antonio	91	12	61	3	0	77	15.6%
5 th Dallas	114	10	106	8	6	130	7.7%
6 th Texarkana	33	2	24	0	1	27	7.4%
7 th Amarillo	53	11	49	0	0	60	18.3%
8 th El Paso	31	5	29	2	1	37	13.5%
9 th Beaumont	35	4	24	1	2	31	12.9%
10 th Waco	28	3	21	0	1	25	12.0%
11 th Eastland	29	1	29	0	1	31	3.2%
12 th Tyler	27	1	26	1	1	29	3.4%
13 th Corpus Christi	52	18	40	2	1	61	29.5%
14 th Houston	121	18	101	2	2	123	14.6%
Totals	910	115	731	33	25	905	12.7%