

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2009 - 2013

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	106	128	106	114	94
Other Than Regular Causes	1,132	1,202	1,125	1,100	1,118
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	7	7	4	10	14
Motions	2,070	1,894	1,984	2,063	1,748
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	125	110	137	112	100
Other Than Regular Causes	1,065	1,223	1,102	1,089	1,155
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	6	6	8	8	9
Motions	2,051	1,892	1,965	1,996	1,884
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	62	83	52	54	48
Other Than Regular Causes	424	403	424	441	400
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	5	6	2	4	9

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 2013

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2012²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2013</i>	
REGULAR CAUSES						
Granted Petitions for Review	42	81	123	84	39	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	8	8	16	11	5	
Granted Rehearings of Causes	0	1	1	1	0	
Granted Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0	
U.S. Certified Question	2	2	4	0	4	
Parental Notification Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Direct Appeals	2	0	2	2	0	
Disciplinary Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	
Reinstated Cause	0	2	2	2	0	
Total for Regular Causes	54	94	148	100	48	
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2012³</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2013</i>	
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES						
Petitions for Review	371	778	1,149	827	322	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	55	211	266	211	55	
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	2	9	11	11	0	
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	4	4	4	0	
Direct Appeals	0	4	4	2	2	
Certified Questions	0	3	3	2	1	
U.S. Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	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	8	102	110	92	18	
Multidistrict Litigation	1	7	8	6	2	
Total for Other than Regular Causes	437	1,118	1,555	1,155	400	
MOTIONS						
Rehearing of	Causes	4	30	34	31	3
	Petitions for Review	23	177	200	183	17
	Mandamus: Civil	0	21	21	18	3
	Habeas Corpus	0	2	2	2	0
	Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0
	Disciplinary Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
	Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
	Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
	Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	2	2	2	0
	Motions for Extension of Time to File	14	526	540	534	6
Miscellaneous Motions	---	990	990	1,114	---	
Total for Motions	41	1,748	1,789	1,884	29	
OTHER ACTIONS						
Disciplinary Actions	4	14	18	9	9	
TOTAL FOR ALL	536	2,974	3,510	3,148	486	

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 2013

Granted Petitions for Review

Abated	3
Affirmed	11
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	3
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	4
Reversed, trial court affirmed	1
Reversed & dismissed	4
Reversed & remanded	14
Reversed & remanded to trial court	14
Reversed & rendered	14
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	5
Vacated & remanded	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	4
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	84

Granted Rehearing of Cause

Reversed & remanded	1
TOTAL: Rehearing of Cause	1

Petitions for Writs of Mandamus

Abated	1
Conditionally granted	4
Denied	2
Dismissed	3
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	1
TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	11

Direct Appeal

Reversed trial court & remanded to trial court	1
Disposed along with other appeal(s) by one opinion	1
TOTAL: Direct Appeal	2

Reinstated Cause

Dismissed	1
Settled (Rule 56.3)	1
TOTAL: Reinstated Cause	2

TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	100
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Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2013

	<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	93	0	681	33	6	1	13	0	0	827
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	1 ⁴	6	173	20	7	0	4	0	0	211
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	11
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Certified Questions	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
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
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	21	0	64	7	0	0	0	0	0	92
Multidistrict Litigation	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	9
TOTAL FOR ALL	126	6	932	69	13	1	17	0	0	1,164

⁴ Conditionally granted.

⁵ Affirmed.

Disposition of Motions: FY 2013

	<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	2	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Petitions for Review	7	173	0	3	0	0	0	0	183
Mandamus: Civil	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Habeas Corpus	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Disciplinary Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Motions for Extension of Time to File	500	19	8	6	1	0	0	0	534
Miscellaneous Motions	925	126	63	0	0	0	0	0	1,114
TOTAL	1,434	369	71	9	1	0	0	0	1,884

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2013

Majority Opinions	55
Per Curiam Opinions	29
Concurring	9
Dissenting	13
Concurring and Dissenting	4
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	0
On Motion for Rehearing	1
Other Opinions	0
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED	111

Opinions of the Supreme Court: FY 2013

<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	7	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	10
Justice Nathan L. Hecht	7	5	1	2	1	0	0	0	16
Justice David Medina	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Justice Paul Green	8	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	14
Justice Phil Johnson	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
Justice Don Willett	8	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	14
Justice Eva Guzman	9	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	13
Justice Debra Lehrmann	6	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	15
Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd	1	2	4	2	1	0	1	0	11
Justice John P. Devine	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
TOTAL	55	29	9	13	4	0	1	0	111

**Action by the Supreme Court
in Granted Petitions For Review & Rehearing of Causes
By Court of Appeals: FY 2013**

	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	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	11
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & rendered	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Reversed, trial court affirmed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Reversed & dismissed	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4
Reversed & remanded	2	2	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	14
Reversed & remanded to trial court	0	0	3	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	14
Reversed & rendered	0	2	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	14
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Vacated & remanded	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	8	9	14	7	6	3	5	3	2	3	0	1	7	13	80⁶

⁶ Three causes were abated, and another was disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion.

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2013

<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	4	El Paso	15	Kaufman	2	Rusk	2
Angelina	4	Ellis	4	Kendall	1	San Jacinto	5
Aransas	3	Erath	1	Kerr	2	Schleicher	1
Bandera	1	Fannin	1	La Salle	2	Scurry	1
Bee	4	Fort Bend	13	Lamar	3	Shelby	1
Bell	3	Freestone	1	Leon	1	Smith	5
Bexar	54	Frio	1	Liberty	2	Starr	4
Blanco	2	Gaines	1	Limestone	1	Stephens	1
Bosque	1	Galveston	10	Loving	2	Tarrant	42
Bowie	4	Gregg	2	Lubbock	5	Titus	1
Brazoria	7	Grimes	2	Lynn	1	Travis	37
Brazos	7	Guadalupe	1	Madison	1	Tyler	1
Brooks	1	Hardin	1	Maverick	1	Uvalde	2
Burleson	2	Harris	168	McLennan	8	Val Verde	2
Caldwell	2	Hays	5	Medina	2	Van Zandt	2
Cameron	10	Henderson	1	Midland	3	Victoria	9
Camp	1	Hidalgo	23	Montgomery	30	Walker	3
Carson	1	Hood	4	Nacogdoches	2	Washington	4
Cass	2	Hopkins	2	Navarro	1	Webb	9
Cherokee	1	Howard	1	Nolan	2	Wheeler	1
Collin	17	Hunt	1	Nueces	16	Wichita	2
Comal	1	Hutchinson	3	Palo Pinto	1	Wilbarger	1
Concho	1	Jackson	1	Parker	7	Williamson	4
Coryell	4	Jasper	1	Pecos	1	Wilson	3
Dallas	83	Jefferson	12	Potter	6	Wise	5
De Witt	3	Jim Wells	2	Presidio	1	Wood	2
Denton	7	Johnson	4	Rains	1	Zapata	1
Duval	1	Jones	2	Randall	2	Zavala	1
Ector	1	Karnes	1	Refugio	2		

TOTAL = 777

Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by Court of Appeals: FY 2013

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2013	Total Disposed in FY 2013				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Other Disposition		
1 st Houston	101	16	95	5	1	117	13.7%
2 nd Fort Worth	58	7	50	8	1	66	10.6%
3 rd Austin	50	11	50	1	0	62	17.7%
4 th San Antonio	95	6	74	1	2	83	7.2%
5 th Dallas	98	13	80	5	5	103	12.6%
6 th Texarkana	23	1	22	1	1	25	4.0%
7 th Amarillo	26	2	25	0	0	27	7.4%
8 th El Paso	28	4	29	0	0	33	12.1%
9 th Beaumont	45	6	46	0	2	54	11.1%
10 th Waco	29	2	23	4	2	31	6.5%
11 th Eastland	17	0	18	0	0	18	0.0%
12 th Tyler	23	2	22	0	0	24	8.3%
13 th Corpus Christi	83	7	54	4	2	67	10.4%
14 th Houston	102	16	93	4	4	117	13.7%
Totals	778	93	681	33	20	827	11.2%