

### Supreme Court Activity: FY 2016 - 2020

	2016	2017	2019	2020	2020
<b>Causes/Cases Added</b>					
Regular Causes <sup>1</sup>	100	117	135	93	110
Other Than Regular Causes	1,095	1,197	1,281	1,314	1,215
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	5	6	9	3
Motions	2,285	2,469	2,591	2,801	2,483
<b>Dispositions</b>					
Regular Causes	102	102	118	95	111
Other Than Regular Causes	1,085	1,178	1,324	1,357	1,260
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	3	4	5	7	8
Motions	2,289	2,436	2,611	2,800	2,501
<b>Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year</b>					
Regular Causes	20	35	52	50	48
Other Than Regular Causes	485	508	467	422	375
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	3	3	4	6	1

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

<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 2020

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2019<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2020</i>
<b>REGULAR CAUSES</b>					
By Petition for Review	43	62	105	68	37
By Petition for Review 59.1	0	27	27	27	0
By Set to Argue Mandamus Petition	3	14	17	6	11
By Granted Mandamus Petition 52.8	0	5	5	5	0
By U.S. Certified Question	3	1	4	4	0
Rehearings Granted - Cause	0	1	1	1	0
<b>Total for Regular Causes</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES</b>					
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2019<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2020</i>
Petitions for Review	335	890	1,225	919	306
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	54	206	260	208	52
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	1	5	6	5	1
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	1	1	2	2	0
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeals	1	0	1	1	0
U.S. Certified Questions	0	1	1	1	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	0	0	0	0
Parental Notification Waiver	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	20	107	127	116	11
Multidistrict Litigation	8	5	13	8	5
<b>Total for Other than Regular Causes</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>375</b>
<b>MOTIONS</b>					
	15	24	39	30	9
Causes	27	163	190	170	20
Petitions for Review	4	20	24	22	2
Mandamus: Civil	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	2	2	2	0
Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	1	1	0
Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Certified Questions	1	0	1	1	0
Multidistrict Litigation	0	5	5	5	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	6	812	818	814	4
Motions for Extension of Time to File	---	1,456	---	1,456	---
Miscellaneous Motions	<b>53</b>	<b>2,483</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total for Motions</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2,483</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIONS</b>					
Disciplinary Actions	6	3	9	8	1
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>3,811</b>	<b>4,339</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>459</b>

<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.

## Final Disposition of Regular Causes: FY 2020

<b>Granted Petitions for Review</b>		Reversed, trial court judgment reinstated	1
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>		Reversed & remanded	7
Abated	1	Reversed & remanded to trial court	6
Affirmed	16	Reversed & rendered	1
Affirmed and remanded to trial court	2	Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	1	<b>TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review 59.1</b>	<b>27</b>
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	5		
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	3	<b>Set to Argue Mandamus Petition</b>	
Reversed	1	Conditionally granted	3
Reversed & dismissed	1	Denied	3
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	1	<b>TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus</b>	<b>6</b>
Reversed, trial court judgment reinstated	5		
Reversed & remanded	6	<b>Granted Mandamus Petition</b>	
Reversed & remanded to trial court	3	Conditionally granted	4
Reversed & rendered	14	Dismissed without prejudice	1
Vacated & dismissed	1	<b>TOTAL: Reinstated Cause</b>	<b>5</b>
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	8		
<b>TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>U. S. Certified Question</b>	
		Answered	4
<b>Granted Petitions for Review 59.1</b>		<b>TOTAL: U.S. Certified Question</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>			
Affirmed	1	<b>Granted Rehearing of Cause</b>	
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	2	Reversed & remanded to court of appeals	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	1	<b>TOTAL: U.S. Certified Question</b>	<b>1</b>
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	1		
Reversed	3	<b>TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:</b>	<b>111</b>
Reversed & dismissed	2		

## Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2020

	<i>Initial Review</i>		<i>Review</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>
	<i>Granted / Accepted</i>	<i>Set to Argue</i>	<i>Refused/ Denied</i>								
Petitions for Review	98	0	777	19	11	0	13	0	1	<b>919</b>	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	5	14	161	23	3	0	2	0	0	<b>208</b>	
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>5</b>	
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>	
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	
U.S. Certified Questions	1 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	
Petitions for Certiorari	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	
Petitions for Temporary Injunction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	
Parental Notification Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	
Petitions for Writ of Quo Warranto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	
Emergency Stays	23	76	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>116</b>	
Multidistrict Litigation	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>8</b>	
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	5 <sup>4</sup>	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	<b>8</b>	
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,268</b>	

<sup>3</sup> Answered

<sup>4</sup> Affirmed

## Disposition of Motions: FY 2020

	<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Consolidated</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Transferred</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>	<i>Total</i>
Rehearing of	Causes	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	<b>30</b>
	Petitions for Review	10	156	1	1	0	2	0	<b>170</b>
	Mandamus: Civil	0	21	0	1	0	0	0	<b>22</b>
	Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	Direct Appeal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
	Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	<b>2</b>
	Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	Multidistrict Litigation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	<b>5</b>	
Motions for Extension of Time to File	790	11	7	2	0	3	0	1	<b>814</b>
Miscellaneous Motions	1,383	41	31	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1,456</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,184</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,501</b>

## Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2020

<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	8	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	15
Justice Paul W. Green	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	11
Justice Eva M. Guzman	8	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	17
Justice Debra H. Lehrmann	7	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	13
Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd	5	1	1	5	3	0	0	1	16
Justice John P. Devine	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	12
Justice James D. Blacklock	7	5	1	4	0	0	0	2	19
Justice J. Brett Busby	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Justice Jane N. Bland	10	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>136</b>

**Action by the Supreme Court  
in Granted Petitions for Review & Rehearing of Causes  
By Court of Appeals: FY 2020**

	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	8 <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
<b>OPINIONS ISSUED</b>															
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>															
Affirmed	1	2	1	6	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	17
Affirmed and remanded to trial court	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Reversed	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Reversed & dismissed	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Reversed & dismissed without jurisdiction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Reversed, trial court judgment reinstated	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Reversed & remanded	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	6
Reversed & remanded to trial court	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Reversed & rendered	2	0	1	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	15
Vacated & dismissed	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	1	3	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>95</b>

Note: 1 case was abated

**Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2020**

<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	1	Dallas	101	Hood	2	Reagan	1
Andrews	1	De Witt	1	Hunt	3	Reeves	1
Angelina	1	Deaf Smith	1	Hutchinson	2	Runnels	1
Aransas	1	Delta	1	Jefferson	21	Rusk	3
Atascosa	1	Denton	16	Jim Wells	3	Scurry	1
Austin	3	Dimmit	2	Karnes	2	Smith	5
Bailey	1	Donley	1	Kaufman	3	Tarrant	67
Baylor	1	Duval	2	Kendall	2	Taylor	5
Bee	1	Eastland	2	Kerr	1	Titus	1
Bell	6	Ector	5	Kleberg	1	Tom Green	1
Bexar	70	El Paso	28	Leon	1	Travis	81
Blanco	1	Ellis	6	Liberty	5	Upshur	1
Bowie	4	Erath	1	Live Oak	3	Uvalde	1
Brazoria	4	Fannin	1	Lubbock	7	Van Zandt	1
Brazos	6	Fisher	5	Madison	1	Victoria	2
Brown	2	Fort Bend	16	Martin	1	Walker	2
Burleson	1	Freestone	4	Matagorda	1	Waller	1
Burnet	2	Galveston	10	Maverick	1	Ward	2
Caldwell	2	Goliad	1	McLennan	4	Webb	5
Calhoun	2	Gray	4	Midland	7	Wichita	3
Cameron	16	Grayson	2	Mills	1	Willacy	2
Carson	2	Gregg	3	Mitchell	1	Williamson	7
Chambers	1	Grimes	2	Montgomery	13	Wise	3
Cherokee	3	Guadalupe	1	Moore	2	Young	1
Childress	1	Hale	1	Nacogdoches	2	Zapata	1
Coleman	1	Hall	2	Navarro	3		
Collin	30	Hansford	2	Nueces	18	No county	1
Collingsworth	2	Harris	133	Orange	3		
Colorado	1	Hays	4	Palo Pinto	3		
Comal	1	Henderson	5	Panola	1		
Comanche	3	Hidalgo	20	Parker	2		
Cooke	1	Hill	2	Potter	2		
Coryell	2	Hockley	1	Randall	7		
<b>TOTAL = 890</b>							

**Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by  
Court of Appeals: FY 2020**

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Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2020	Total Disposed in FY 2020				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Other Disposition</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Houston	94	7	82	4	6	99	7.1%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fort Worth	93	11	81	1	1	94	11.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Austin	89	17	77	0	1	97	17.5%
4 <sup>th</sup> San Antonio	90	19	79	0	3	101	18.8%
5 <sup>th</sup> Dallas	137	7	108	4	4	124	5.6%
6 <sup>th</sup> Texarkana	19	1	20	1	1	23	4.3%
7 <sup>th</sup> Amarillo	44	10	42	0	0	52	19.2%
8 <sup>th</sup> El Paso	34	4	32	0	1	37	10.8%
9 <sup>th</sup> Beaumont	35	1	35	0	1	37	2.7%
10 <sup>th</sup> Waco	25	0	23	0	0	23	0.0%
11 <sup>th</sup> Eastland	38	1	36	0	0	37	2.7%
12 <sup>th</sup> Tyler	21	0	22	1	0	23	0.0%
13 <sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi	80	6	60	5	3	75	8.0%
14 <sup>th</sup> Houston	91	11	78	3	2	94	11.7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>10.4%</b>