

### Supreme Court Activity: FY 2017 - 2021

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Causes/Cases Added</b>					
Regular Causes <sup>1</sup>	117	135	93	110	99
Other Than Regular Causes	1,197	1,281	1,314	1,215	1,211
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	5	6	9	3	4
Motions	2,469	2,591	2,801	2,483	2,624
<b>Dispositions</b>					
Regular Causes	102	118	95	111	117
Other Than Regular Causes	1,178	1,324	1,357	1,260	1,145
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	5	7	8	2
Motions	2,436	2,611	2,800	2,501	2,598
<b>Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year</b>					
Regular Causes	35	52	50	48	30
Other Than Regular Causes	508	467	422	375	477
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	3	4	6	1	3

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 2021

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2020<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2021</i>	
<b>REGULAR CAUSES</b>						
By Petition for Review	37	60	97	72	25	
By Petition for Review 59.1	0	11	11	11	0	
By Set to Argue Mandamus Petition	11	10	21	19	2	
By Granted Mandamus Petition 52.8	0	9	9	9	0	
By Reinstatement	0	5	5	4	1	
By U.S. Certified Question	0	3	3	1	2	
By Habeas Corpus	0	1	1	1	0	
<b>Total for Regular Causes</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES</b>						
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2020<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2021</i>	
Petitions for Review	311	841	1,152	791	361	
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	52	236	288	220	68	
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	1	3	4	4	0	
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	1	1	1	0	
Certified Questions	0	4	4	3	1	
Direct Appeals	0	1	1	1	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	0	0	0	0	
Parental Notification Waiver	0	0	0	0	0	
Emergency Stays	12	117	129	115	14	
Multidistrict Litigation	5	8	13	10	3	
<b>Total for Other than Regular Causes</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>447</b>	
<b>MOTIONS</b>						
Rehearing of	Causes	9	28	37	17	20
	Petitions for Review	20	162	182	165	17
	Mandamus: Civil	2	21	23	22	1
	Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	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
	Multidistrict Litigation	0	0	0	0	0
	Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	2	2	2	0
Motions for Extension of Time to File	5	822	827	817	10	
Miscellaneous Motions	---	1,589	---	1,575	---	
<b>Total for Motions</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2,624</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>62</b>	
<b>OTHER ACTIONS</b>						
Disciplinary Actions	1	4	5	2	3	
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>3,938</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>3,862</b>	<b>542</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 2021

<b>Granted Petitions for Review</b>		<b>Set to Argue Mandamus Petition</b>	
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>		Abated	2
Abated	2	Conditionally granted	9
Affirmed	12	Denied	6
Affirmed & remanded	1	Dismissed for want of jurisdiction	1
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	3	Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	1	<b>TOTAL: Set to Argue Mandamus</b>	<b>19</b>
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	4	<b>Granted Mandamus Petition</b>	
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	2	Conditionally granted	7
Dismissed for want of jurisdiction	1	Denied	2
Reversed & remanded	10	<b>TOTAL: Granted Mandamus</b>	<b>9</b>
Reversed & remanded to Commission	1	<b>By Reinstatement</b>	
Reversed & remanded to trial court	9	Conditionally granted in part	1
Reversed & rendered	8	Granted under TRAP 56.3	2
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded to trial court	1	Reversed & remanded to trial court	1
Vacated & dismissed	1	<b>TOTAL: Reinstatement</b>	<b>4</b>
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	<u>16</u>		
<b>TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review</b>	<b>72</b>		
<b>Granted Petitions for Review 59.1</b>		<b>U. S. Certified Question</b>	
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>		Answered	1
Reversed	1	<b>TOTAL: U.S. Certified Question</b>	<b>1</b>
Reversed & remanded	5	<b>By Habeas Corpus</b>	
Reversed & remanded to trial court	2	Conditionally granted	1
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded to trial court	1	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1</b>
Vacated & remanded to trial court	<u>2</u>		
<b>TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review 59.1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>TOTAL DISPOSITIONS: 117</b>	

## Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2021

	<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	74	0	667	25	16	0	9	0	0	<b>791</b>
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	11	10	169	20	10	0	0	0	0	<b>220</b>
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Direct Appeals	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Certified Questions	3 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
U.S. Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</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	32	0	68	15	0	0	0	0	0	<b>115</b>
Multidistrict Litigation	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>10</b>
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	1 <sup>4</sup>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,147</b>

<sup>3</sup> Answered

<sup>4</sup> Affirmed

### Disposition of Motions: FY 2021

	<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	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Petitions for Review	6	152	3	0	0	4	0	0	165
Mandamus: Civil	0	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	22
Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	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	789	13	5	8	0	1	0	0	817
Miscellaneous Motions	1,476	58	39	0	0	1	0	1	1,575
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,598</b>

### Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2021

<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	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	19
Justice Eva M. Guzman	7	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	13
Justice Debra H. Lehrmann	8	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	15
Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd	7	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	22
Justice John P. Devine	8	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	14
Justice James D. Blacklock	10	2	5	3	1	0	0	1	22
Justice J. Brett Busby	9	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	14
Justice Jane N. Bland	9	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	16
Justice Rebeca A. Huddle	5	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>147</b>

**Action by the Supreme Court  
in Granted Petitions for Review & Rehearing of Causes  
By Court of Appeals: FY 2021**

	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	3	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	12
Affirmed & remanded	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Affirmed in part, reversed 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 to trial court	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Dismissed for want of jurisdiction	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & remanded	2	1	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	15
Reversed & remanded to Commission	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & remanded to trial court	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	11
Reversed & rendered	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	8
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Vacated & dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vacated & remanded to trial court	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>79</b>

Note: 2 cases were abated.

**Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2021**

<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>
Angelina	3	Fayette	1	Live Oak	1	Tarrant	57
Aransas	2	Fort Bend	13	Loving	1	Taylor	12
Atascosa	1	Galveston	14	Lubbock	9	Travis	65
Austin	1	Gillespie	2	Madison	1	Upshur	2
Bailey	1	Gonzales	1	Martin	2	Van Zandt	1
Bastrop	3	Gray	1	Mason	2	Victoria	2
Bee	1	Grayson	5	Maverick	1	Walker	5
Bell	7	Gregg	8	McLennan	10	Waller	3
Bexar	55	Harris	157	McMullen	3	Webb	6
Bosque	1	Harrison	5	Midland	5	Wharton	2
Bowie	2	Haskell	1	Milam	1	Wilbarger	1
Brazoria	8	Hays	7	Mitchell	1	Willacy	1
Brazos	12	Henderson	3	Montgomery	15	Williamson	9
Brown	1	Hidalgo	15	Moore	1	Young	1
Burnet	1	Hood	1	Nacogdoches	1	Zapata	1
Cameron	17	Houston	1	Navarro	1		
Chambers	5	Howard	4	Newton	1		
Cherokee	1	Hunt	8	Nueces	13		
Childress	1	Hutchinson	7	Orange	2		
Clay	1	Jack	1	Palo Pinto	4		
Coleman	1	Jackson	1	Parker	3		
Collin	26	Jasper	1	Pecos	2		
Comal	2	Jefferson	8	Polk	1		
Comanche	1	Johnson	1	Potter	12		
Crane	1	Karnes	3	Randall	5		
Dallas	87	Kaufman	6	Reeves	6		
De Witt	1	Kerr	1	Robertson	1		
Deaf Smith	1	Lamar	1	San Augustine	1		
Denton	14	Lamb	1	San Patricio	1		
Duval	1	Lee	2	San Saba	1		
Ector	2	Liberty	3	Scurry	1		
El Paso	9	Limestone	1	Smith	3		
Ellis	5	Lipscomb	1	Starr	1		

**TOTAL = 841**

**Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by  
Court of Appeals: FY 2021**

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Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2021	Total Disposed in FY 2021				Total Disposed	Percentage of Petitions Granted
		<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Other Disposition</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Houston	92	6	62	6	2	76	7.9%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fort Worth	72	3	62	0	4	69	4.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Austin	76	13	63	1	1	78	16.7%
4 <sup>th</sup> San Antonio	72	7	63	0	0	71	9.9%
5 <sup>th</sup> Dallas	129	8	113	10	6	137	5.8%
6 <sup>th</sup> Texarkana	23	1	17	0	1	19	5.3%
7 <sup>th</sup> Amarillo	57	1	43	2	1	47	2.1%
8 <sup>th</sup> El Paso	25	5	14	1	1	21	23.8%
9 <sup>th</sup> Beaumont	30	0	29	0	0	29	0.0%
10 <sup>th</sup> Waco	30	3	27	0	0	30	10.0%
11 <sup>th</sup> Eastland	33	1	23	1	1	26	3.8%
12 <sup>th</sup> Tyler	17	0	14	1	0	15	0.0%
13 <sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi	69	12	51	1	4	68	17.6%
14 <sup>th</sup> Houston	116	14	86	2	1	105	13.3%
<b>Totals</b>	841	74	667	25	22	791	9.4%