

SUPREME COURT DOCKET ACTIVITY: FY 1999 - 2003

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	107	116	119	118	115
Other Than Regular Causes	1,325	1,391	1,296	1,288	1,260
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	9	7	5	7	14
Motions	1,592	1,720	1,642	1,778	2,761
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	118	111	118	112	101
Other Than Regular Causes	1,326	1,397	1,287	1,302	1,261
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	14	5	10	4	13
Motions	1,606	1,672	1,600	1,812	2,775
Pending at the End of the FY					
Regular Causes	50	61	63	62	79
Other Than Regular Causes	364	370	380	371	377
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	4	6	1	4	5
Motions	44	104	147	126	121

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 DETAILED DOCKET ACTIVITY: FY 2003

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2002²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending: 8/31/2003</i>	
REGULAR CAUSES						
Granted Petitions for Review		112		98		
Accepted Petitions for Writs of Mandamus		2		3		
Parental Notification Appeals		0		0		
Direct Appeals		0		0		
Accepted Certified Question		1		0		
Total for Regular Causes	65	115	180	101	79	
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES						
Petitions for Review	322	968	1,290	973	317	
Mandamus	53	267	320	264	56	
Habeas Corpus	0	17	17	14	3	
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	2	4	6	5	1	
Direct Appeals	0	1	1	1	0	
Certified Questions	0	1	1	1	0	
Petitions for Certiorari	0	0	0	0	0	
Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	1	0	1	1	0	
Petitions for Temporary Injunctions	0	0	0	0	0	
Parental Notification Appeals	0	2	2	2	0	
Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0	
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	4	14	18	13	5	
Total for Other than Regular Causes	382	1,274	1,656	1,274	382	
MOTIONS						
Rehearing of	Causes	7	47	54	46	8
	Petitions for Review	22	214	236	225	11
	Mandamus: Civil	4	23	27	27	0
	Habeas Corpus	0	2	2	2	0
	Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	0	0	0
	Direct Appeals	0	0	0	0	0
	Rehearing of Disciplinary Appeals	0	1	1	1	0
	Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
	Petitions to Publish Under Rule 90c/47.3	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Motions	102	2,474	2,576	2,474	102	
Total for Motions	135	2,761	2,896	2,775	121	
TOTAL FOR ALL	582	4,150	4,732	4,150	582	

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.

FINAL DISPOSITION OF REGULAR CAUSES: FY 2003

Granted Petitions for Review	#	Accepted Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	#
Affirmed	7	Conditionally granted	3
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	1	TOTAL: Writs of Mandamus	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & judgment rendered	5		
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & remanded to trial court	1		
Reversed & dismissed for want of jurisdiction	4		
Reversed & remanded	18		
Reversed & remanded to trial court	13		
Reversed & rendered	35		
Reversed in part & rendered in part	2		
Dismissed	9		
Improvident grant denied	1		
Judgment suspended & remanded to trial court for settlement	1		
Severed	1		
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	98	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	101

DISPOSITION OF OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES: FY 2003

	<i>Initial Review Granted/ Accepted</i>	<i>Review Refused/ Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Dismissed w/o Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Transfer- red</i>	<i>With- drawn</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review	116	769	21	13	3	48	2	0	1	973
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus: Civil	14	206	18	1	2	13	10	0	0	264
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	9	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	14
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Direct Appeals	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Parental Notification Appeals	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Emergency Stays	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	8*	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
TOTAL FOR ALL	142	989	45	16	5	62	14	0	1	1,274

NOTE: * Affirmed

DISPOSITION OF MOTIONS: FY 2003

	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Granted</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>				<i>Struck</i>	<i>Transferred</i>	<i>Passed</i>	<i>Total</i>
			<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>WOJ</i>	<i>Returned</i>	<i>WOJ</i>				
Rehearing of Causes	42	3	0	0	1	0	0	~	46	
Mandamus	26	0	1	0	0	0	0	~	27	
Petitions for Review	215	8	1	1	0	0	0	~	225	
Habeas Corpus	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	~	2	
Disciplinary Appeals	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	~	1	
Miscellaneous Motions Passed On by Court	18	449	5	0	0	2	1	1,999	2,474	
TOTAL	304	460	7	1	1	2	1	1,999	2,775	

OPINIONS DELIVERED BY THE SUPREME COURT: FY 2003

Majority Opinions	60
Per Curiam Opinions	29
Concurring	10
Dissenting	24
Concurring and Dissenting	1
Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam	4
On Motion for Rehearing	0
Other Opinions	0
TOTAL OPINIONS DELIVERED	128

OPINIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT: FY 2003

<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>Total</i>
Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips	11	3	0	1	0	0	15
Justice Nathan D. Hecht	7	0	2	4	0	1	14
Justice Craig T. Enoch	10	3	3	5	1	0	22
Justice Priscilla R. Owen	4	4	1	2	0	0	11
Justice Harriet O' Neill	8	1	2	3	0	3	17
Justice Wallace B. Jefferson	9	10	1	3	0	0	23
Justice Michael Haygood Schneider	2	3	1	2	0	0	8
Justice Steven Smith	1	2	0	1	0	0	4
Justice Deborah G. Hankinson	2	0	0	3	0	0	5
Justice Xavier Rodriguez	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Justice J. Dale Wainwright	2	3	0	0	0	0	5
Justice James A. Moseley (appointed)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	60	29	10	24	1	4	128

**ACTION BY THE SUPREME COURT IN GRANTED PETITIONS FOR REVIEW
BY COURT OF APPEALS: FY 2003**

	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	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	7
Affirmed in part & reversed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & judgment rendered	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, & remanded to trial court	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & dismissed for want of jurisdiction	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
Reversed & remanded	2	0	4	0	2	0	0	1	2	5	0	0	1	1	18
Reversed & remanded to trial court	2	0	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	13
Reversed & rendered	3	0	7	1	5	2	2	4	1	4	0	0	5	1	35
Reversed in part & rendered in part	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW DISPOSED															
Dismissed	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Improvident grant denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Judgment suspended & remanded to trial court for settlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Severed	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	10	3	19	5	13	4	2	8	6	16	0	0	10	2	98

PETITIONS FOR REVIEW FILED BY COUNTY: FY 2003

<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>
Harris	194	Palo Pinto	5	Parker	2	Karnes	1
Dallas	135	Taylor	5	Polk	2	Kaufman	1
Travis	89	Williamson	5	Rusk	2	Kendall	1
Tarrant	52	Coryell	4	San Patricio	2	Kleberg	1
Bexar	47	Kerr	4	Shelby	2	La Salle	1
Galveston	18	Wise	4	Starr	2	Lamar	1
El Paso	17	Andrews	3	Tom Green	2	Limestone	1
Jefferson	17	Angelina	3	Trinity	2	Madison	1
Denton	15	Brazos	3	Upshur	2	Maverick	1
Montgomery	15	Carson	3	Val Verde	2	McMullen	1
Nueces	15	Houston	3	Bastrop	1	Medina	1
Hidalgo	13	Randall	3	Bee	1	Montague	1
Brazoria	12	Tyler	3	Brewster	1	Nacogdoches	1
Bell	8	Zapata	3	Burnet	1	Ochiltree	1
Collin	8	Brooks	2	Caldwell	1	Panola	1
Fort Bend	8	Calhoun	2	Cherokee	1	Parmer	1
Grayson	8	Comal	2	Comanche	1	Red River	1
Wichita	8	De Witt	2	Cooke	1	Reeves	1
Bowie	7	Dimmit	2	Donley	1	Scurry	1
Anderson	6	Eastland	2	Ector	1	Uvalde	1
Cameron	6	Edwards	2	Falls	1	Van Zandt	1
Harrison	6	Erath	2	Gillespie	1	Victoria	1
Lubbock	6	Fannin	2	Goliad	1	Waller	1
Marion	6	Frio	2	Gonzales	1	Washington	1
Midland	6	Hood	2	Gray	1	Wharton	1
Potter	6	Johnson	2	Grimes	1	Wheeler	1
Smith	6	King	2	Hardin	1	Willacy	1
Walker	6	Matagorda	2	Hays	1	Wood	1
Webb	6	Morris	2	Henderson	1	Yoakum	1
Gregg	5	Newton	2	Hunt	1	Young	1
McLennan	5	Orange	2	Hutchinson	1		
GRAND TOTAL = 912³							

**PETITIONS FOR REVIEW FILED BY
COURT OF APPEALS: FY 2003**

<i>Court of Appeals</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Court of Appeals</i>	<i>Filed</i>
1 st Houston	127	8 th El Paso	37
2 nd Fort Worth	85	9 th Beaumont	31
3 rd Austin	117	10 th Waco	23
4 th San Antonio	84	11 th Eastland	37
5 th Dallas	121	12 th Tyler	27
6 th Texarkana	44	13 th Corpus Christi	58
7 th Amarillo	35	14 th Houston	91
TOTAL = 917⁴			

³ Six additional petitions for review did not originate in a trial court.

⁴ One additional petition for review did not proceed through a court of appeals.