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Texas Supreme Court Statistics: 2024–2025 Term

Texas Supreme Court Round-Up – August 8, 2025

The Texas Supreme Court has issued all decisions for cases argued during the 2024–2025 term. Below we provide an overview of how many cases the Court heard, along with how each court of appeals fared.

Between September 2024 and March 2025, the Texas Supreme Court heard argument in **63 cases**. At the end of June, the Texas Supreme Court finished issuing opinions in all argued cases.

Argument Numbers:

All but three of the fifteen courts of appeals in Texas had cases in front of the Court this year, with the most arising out of the Fifth Court of Appeals (Dallas) and none from the Ninth Court of

Appeals (Beaumont), the Eleventh Court of Appeals (Eastland), or the newly constituted Fifteenth Court of Appeals (limited statewide jurisdiction):

- First Court of Appeals (Houston): 8^[1]
- Second Court of Appeals (Fort Worth): 2
- Third Court of Appeals (Austin): 6
- Fourth Court of Appeals (San Antonio): 3
- Fifth Court of Appeals (Dallas): 12
- Sixth Court of Appeals (Texarkana): 1
- Seventh Court of Appeals (Amarillo): 2
- Eighth Court of Appeals (El Paso): 7
- Ninth Court of Appeals (Beaumont): 0
- Tenth Court of Appeals (Waco): 1
- Eleventh Court of Appeals (Eastland): 0
- Twelfth Court of Appeals (Tyler): 1
- Thirteenth Court of Appeals (Corpus Christi & Edinburg): 4
- Fourteenth Court of Appeals (Houston): 7
- Fifteenth Court (limited statewide jurisdiction): 0^[2]

The Court also heard argument in a direct appeal from the 205th District Court in El Paso County, an appeal from the Board of Disciplinary Appeals, a mandamus proceeding arising from the Multi-District Litigation Panel, and a mandamus proceeding seeking relief from the Comptroller. And the Court accepted and heard argument in five cases certified to it by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

^[1] One was dismissed before decision.

^[2] The Fifteenth Court of Appeals only began hearing cases in September 2024. For more information on this new court and its jurisdiction, see Gibson Dunn’s past alerts: [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Affirmance & Reversal Rates:

Below, we break down the Court’s term by the numbers—providing the Court’s overall affirmance and reversal rates and its affirmance and reversal rates by court of appeals.

These rates include only *argued and decided* cases funneling up from Texas state courts or other state entities, so the rates don’t include certified questions from the Fifth Circuit, cases decided on the briefing, or cases that were dismissed before the Court issued an opinion or on mootness grounds. That leaves a total of 56 cases.

For purposes of calculating the rates below, reversals include vacaturs, along with grants of mandamus relief for cases in which a party first sought relief in the court of appeals. And we’ve counted all cases with judgments that only reversed or affirmed in part as a tie, weighted with half a point each. That includes cases in which the Court reversed on all issues presented for review, but the parties didn’t challenge other parts of the court of appeals’ judgment.

Overall, the Court affirmed in **27.7%** and reversed in **72.3%** of the 56 cases in which it heard argument this term from a state court (or other state entity over which the Texas Supreme Court has jurisdiction) and issued a decision.

Affirmance and reversal rates in the state courts of appeals varied:

- First Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 35.7% (2.5 out of 7)
 - Reversed: 64.3% (4.5 out of 7)
- Second Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 25% (.5 out of 2)
 - Reversed: 75% (1.5 out of 2)
- Third Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 8.3% (.5 out of 6)
 - Reversed: 91.7% (5.5 out of 6)
- Fourth Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 0% (0 out of 3)
 - Reversed: 100% (3 out of 3)
- Fifth Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 29.2% (3.5 out of 12)
 - Reversed: 70.8% (8.5 out of 12)
- Sixth Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 0% (0 out of 1)
 - Reversed: 100% (1 out of 1)
- Seventh Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 50% (1 out of 2)
 - Reversed: 50% (1 out of 2)
- Eighth Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 35.7% (2.5 out of 7)

- Reversed: 64.3% (4.5 out of 7)
- Tenth Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 50% (.5 out of 1)
 - Reversed: 50% (.5 out of 1)
- Twelfth Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 0% (0 out of 1)
 - Reversed: 100% (1 out of 1)
- Thirteenth Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 75% (3 out of 4)
 - Reversed: 25% (1 out of 4)
- Fourteenth Court of Appeals:
 - Affirmed: 21.4% (1.5 out of 7)
 - Reversed: 78.6% (5.5 out of 7)

What It Means:

- The Court's overall affirmance rate of **27.7%** rose slightly from last term's affirmance rate of **25.4%**. But the rate remains in line with the historical pattern that the Court affirms roughly 30% of cases each term. So the odds continue to favor the petitioner once the Court hears argument on a case.
- The affirmance rates in the courts of appeals continue to fluctuate from year to year, largely due to relatively small sample sizes. For example, the affirmance rate in the Third Court of Appeals (Austin) **dropped** from **30.8%** out of 13 cases in the 2023–2024 term to **8.3%** out of 6 cases in the 2024–2025 term. In contrast, the affirmance rate in the Fifth Court of Appeals (Dallas) rose from **0%** out of 8 cases in the 2023–2024 term to **29.2%** out of 12 argued cases in the 2024–2025 term.
- The Thirteenth Court of Appeals (Corpus Christi & Edinburg) is this term's clear winner, with a **75%** affirmance rate out of 4 cases. That's a turnaround from its **0%** affirmance rate on its only case up for review last year. On the opposite end of the scorecard is the Fourth Court of Appeals (San Antonio)—with a **0%** affirmance rate out of 3 cases this year, compared to its top-scoring affirmance rate of **58.3%** out of 6 cases last year.

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