

2016-2017 Texas Supreme Court Update

Conference on State and Federal Appeals

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Decided / Pending Decisions

	2016-17
TOTAL	62
Per Curiam	14
Unanimous	43
Split	5
Pending post OA	19

Trends in Decisions

	'13-14	'14-15	'15-16	'16-17
TOTAL	83	93	92	62
Per Curiam	23	36	28	14
Unanimous	42	39	45	43
Split	18	18	19	5
Pending post-OA	4	0	0	19

Split Decisions

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
8-1	2	4	3	0
7-1	1	1	0	1
7-2	1	1	4	2
6-3	4	4	6	0
6-2	0	0	0	1
5-4	9	5	4	1
5-3	0	1	1	0
5-1-3	0	1	0	0
4-2-1-2	0	1	0	0
4-1-4	1	0	1	0
(sep. con./dis.)	(7)	(8)	(13)	(10)

Trends in Affirmance Rate

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Reversed	60 (65%)	58 (63%)	41 (66%)
Mandamus granted	8 (9%)	10 (11%)	5 (8%)
Affirmed	18 (19%)	15 (16%)	15 (24%)
Mandamus denied	4 (4%)	1 (1%)	1 (2%)
Certified Question	3 (3%)	4 (4%)	0
Abated	0	4 (4%)	0

Construction v. Common Law

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Construction of law	49 (53%)	58 (63%)	25 (40%)
Construction of contract	10 (11%)	8 (9%)	10 (16%)
Common law / Evidence	34 (37%)	26 (28%)	27 (44%)

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