

MASTER-IN-EQUITY

The Master In Equity hears a broad range of non-jury civil cases which are referred by the Circuit Court. These cases involve real estate matters, such as mechanic liens, foreclosures, partitions, road closings, and condemnations. However, the majority of the cases referred are foreclosures. The Master In Equity conducts the foreclosure sale the first Monday of each month. These foreclosures are advertised and placed on the Spartanburg County website each month.

The Master In Equity is also assigned by the Supreme Court as a Circuit Court Judge for Spartanburg County to assist the Circuit Court with the docket.

DEPT NUMBER: 1-9259	MASTER IN EQUITY					
FUNDING SOURCE(S)	FY 2004/05 ACTUAL	FY 2005/06 ACTUAL	FY 2006/07 ACTUAL	FY 2007/08 BUDGET	FY 2008/09 BUDGET	INC/DEC FY 09 - 08
General Fund	311,642	327,183	345,860	353,010	367,347	14,337
EXPENDITURES						
Personnel Services Expenditures	299,785	311,140	326,740	339,380	350,247	10,867
Operating Expenditures	9,717	10,913	8,106	13,630	14,600	970
Capital Outlay	2,140	5,130	11,014	0	2,500	2,500
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$311,642	\$327,183	\$345,860	\$353,010	\$367,347	\$14,337
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL	5	5	5	5	5	0

FY 2008/09 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

- There are no significant changes in the Master-In-Equity FY 2008/09 Adopted Operating Budget.

Departmental Functions

Function or Division	Description	FY 2008/09 Budget
Preside Over Civil Non-Jury Cases	Hear and dispose of any or all motions and pretrial proceedings; perform all administrative duties necessary to prepare cases for trial or other disposition, including sounding the trial and roster and docket; and try matters to conclusion.	\$
Appeals	Hear appeals from Magistrate, Municipal, and Probate Courts, as well as cases involving judicial review and/or appeal of decisions of administrative agencies or commissions.	\$
Settlements	Hear and approve or disapprove settlements of minor's interests, and wrongful death and survivor action settlements.	\$
Criminal Matters	Accept Grand Jury returns, preside over guilty pleas, bond hearings, probation revocations; hear and dispose of any or all motions and pretrial proceedings and non-jury trials; issue search warrants; and perform all other non-jury criminal matters.	\$
TOTAL, MASTER IN EQUITY		\$367,347