

# PROBATE COURT

The Probate Court probates wills, appoints personal representatives to administer estates of deceased persons, (whether or not the decedent left a will or died intestate), oversees the administration to ensure that all Inventories and Appraisements and accountings are filed and that the estate is distributed according to the decedent's will or by law. Probate Court also appoints conservators to administer funds on behalf of minors and oversees said administrations to ensure the minor is protected; and issues marriage licenses. The Mental Health Division of the Probate Court has jurisdiction over the involuntary commitment of the mentally ill, alcoholics, and drug addicts, and appoints guardians and/or conservators for adults who have been adjudicated as incapacitated. The Probate Court has exclusive original jurisdiction over any litigation concerning the above items and also hears and determines matters concerning trust estates and accountings and/or removal of attorneys-in-fact.

DEPT NUMBER: 1-9256	PROBATE COURT					
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	853,767	934,589	1,022,397	1,055,520	<b>1,077,940</b>	22,420
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Personnel Services Expenditures	818,278	900,256	951,307	998,250	<b>1,030,094</b>	31,844
Operating Expenditures	35,070	30,569	35,354	42,200	<b>46,911</b>	4,711
Capital Outlay	419	3,765	35,736	15,070	<b>935</b>	(14,135)
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$853,767</b>	<b>\$934,589</b>	<b>\$1,022,397</b>	<b>\$1,055,520</b>	<b>\$1,077,940</b>	<b>\$22,420</b>
<b>AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL</b>	18	17	18	18	<b>18</b>	0

### FY 2008/09 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

- There are no significant changes in the FY 2008/09 Probate Court Adopted Operating Budget.

### Court Functions

Program or Service	Description and Goals	FY 2008/09 Budget
<b>Estate Division</b>	Probates wills, appoints personal representatives, oversees administration of estates of deceased persons and minors, and issues marriage licenses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide the most efficient, people oriented, and error free service in the state.</li> <li>• Handle workload increases due to population growth, increased use of the courts, and mandates by court administration and the judicial system; search for additional ways to serve the public by efficient use of staff and resources.</li> </ul>	\$
<b>Mental Health Division</b>	Jurisdiction over the involuntary commitment of the mentally ill and chemically dependent persons; appoint and oversee guardians and conservators for adults who are adjudicated incapacitated.	\$
<b>TOTAL, PROBATE COURT</b>		<b>\$1,077,940</b>