

# 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     |                      |                      |                      |                      |                       |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                 | FY 2005/06<br>ACTUAL | FY 2006/07<br>ACTUAL | FY 2007/08<br>ACTUAL | FY 2008/09<br>BUDGET | FY 2009/10<br>BUDGET | INC/DEC<br>FY 10 - 09 |
| FUNDING SOURCE(S)               |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                       |
| General Fund                    | 327,183              | 345,860              | 357,930              | 367,347              | 365,733              | (1,614)               |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>             |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                       |
| Personnel Services Expenditures | 311,140              | 326,740              | 344,763              | 350,247              | 354,933              | 4,686                 |
| Operating Expenditures          | 10,913               | 8,106                | 7,564                | 14,600               | 10,800               | (3,800)               |
| Capital Outlay                  | 5,130                | 11,014               | 5,604                | 2,500                | 0                    | (2,500)               |
| Other Expenditures              | 0                    | 0                    | 0                    | 0                    | 0                    | 0                     |
| <b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>        | \$327,183            | \$345,860            | \$357,930            | \$367,347            | \$365,733            | (\$1,614)             |
| <b>AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL</b>     | 5                    | 5                    | 5                    | 5                    | 5                    | 0                     |

### FY 2009/10 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

- There are no significant changes in the Master-In-Equity FY 2009/10 Recommended Budget.

### Departmental Functions

| Function or Division                     | Description  | FY 2009/10<br>Budget |
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| <b>Preside Over Civil Non-Jury Cases</b> | 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, roster and docket; and try matters to conclusion.        | \$                   |
| <b>Appeals</b>                           | 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.  | \$                   |
| <b>Settlements</b>                       | Hear and approve or disapprove settlements of minor's interests, wrongful death and survivor action settlements.   | \$                   |
| <b>Criminal Matters</b>                  | Accept Grand Jury returns, preside over guilty pleas, bond hearings, probation revocations; hear and dispose of any or all motions pretrial proceedings and non-jury trials; issue search warrants; and perform all other non-jury criminal matters. | \$                   |
| <b>TOTAL, MASTER IN EQUITY</b>           |  | \$365,733            |