

# PROBATE COURT

Probate Court has exclusive original jurisdiction over estates of decedents and protected persons (both incapacitated adults and minors); trusts; involuntary commitment of persons suffering from mental illness/retardation, alcohol/drug addiction and active pulmonary tuberculosis; and the issuance of marriage licenses. The staff oversees the administration of the estates and all paperwork filed in order to ensure that all statutory requirements are met. The judges hear and decide any litigation filed in regard to the above matters.

DEPT NUMBER: 1-9256	PROBATE COURT					
FUNDING SOURCE(S)	FY 2006/07 ACTUAL	FY 2007/08 ACTUAL	FY 2008/09 ACTUAL	FY 2009/10 BUDGET	FY 2010/11 BUDGET	INC/DEC FY 11 - 10
General Fund	1,022,397	1,050,023	1,079,205	1,106,510	1,112,913	6,404
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Personnel Services Expenditures	951,307	987,689	1,034,722	1,072,633	1,077,809	5,177
Operating Expenditures	35,354	40,524	38,918	33,877	35,104	1,227
Capital Outlay	35,736	21,810	5,565	0	0	0
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,022,397</b>	<b>\$1,050,023</b>	<b>\$1,079,205</b>	<b>\$1,106,510</b>	<b>\$1,112,913</b>	<b>\$6,404</b>
<b>AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL</b>	18	18	18	18	18	0

## FY 2010/11 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

- There are no significant changes to the FY 2010/11 Recommended Operating Budget.

### Goal:

To provide the most efficient, people-oriented and error-free service in the state

### Objectives:

- Maintain optimal service to the public while coping with increased workloads due to population growth, increased use of the court, mandates by court administration and other agencies and lack of personnel increases due to budget constraints
- Maintain accurate records to assist in title searches in regard to real estate and genealogical searches
- Provide emergency assistance to families in crisis in regard to involuntary commitments and ensure due process to the patients committed

Function or Division	Description	Percent of Budget
<b>Estate Division</b>	Probates wills, appoints personal representatives, oversees administration of estates of deceased persons and minors, issues marriage licenses, and handles trust matters	85%
<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	15%