Executive Summary
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I interned from May 16 to July 29th with the Honorable Mikell R. Scarborough at the Charleston County Master-in-Equity Court in Charleston, South Carolina.

During this internship I learned about the different types of hearings the Judge presides over, and I began to understand the inner workings of the court system in the state of South Carolina. I witnessed actions to Quiet Title – or settle the title over a property – Supplementary Proceeding hearings, full trials, disputes over land and heir’s rights, foreclosure cases, and disputes over ownership of property and possessions.

I ran files, learning how to pull them and input them into the CMS Management System, or computer database, that was used in the courthouse. This is a system that catalogues all of the files used in the courthouse. I learned how to do research for briefs and memoranda, and wrote one of each myself at the Judge’s assignment.

I researched parol gift of land, and what is required to take an oral gift of land out of the Statute of Frauds. I presented my brief and memorandum to the Judge. We edited them, and talked them over, and through doing this I gained greater knowledge about legal writing. This internship was incredible, and greatly broadened my knowledge as to how the legal system works.