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**SOUTH EASTERN CIRCUIT BAR MESS FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2002**

The South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation was incorporated as a private limited company with exclusively charitable objects on 13 December 1999. The members, who are the Trustees, have undertaken to contribute to extent set out in the Memorandum of Association, to the assets of the Foundation in the event of its being wound up.

The Trustees of the Foundation are:

Michael Lawson QC (resigned at the AGM on 28th September 2001)
Stephen Hockman QC (appointed as Chairman at the AGM on 28th September 2001)
Geoffrey Nice QC
Hazel Williamson QC
The Honourable Mrs Justice Hallett DBE
Timothy Dutton QC
Simon Barker

Julian Bradley was appointed as company secretary at the AGM on 28th September 2001

The Trustees are the directors of the Foundation and Stephen Hockman QC is the Chairman.

The Foundation's registration number as a limited company is 3892607.

The Foundation's registered office is at 2/3 Curistor Street, London, EC4A 1NE.

The Foundation's bankers are HSBC Bank plc at 123, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1QR.

The Foundation is established for exclusively charitable objects, namely, the advancement of education and the relief of poverty and, without prejudice to these objects, (1) the promotion of excellence in (a) advocacy and representation before the courts of law and other legal services both within and outside the jurisdiction of England and Wales and (b) the administration of justice, (2) the relief of poverty and sickness among present, former and student members of the legal profession and their

dependants, and (3) grant making to charities and other not-for-profit institutions providing a public benefit service of legal advice and/or representation.

Progress and Achievements

The Foundation was established for exclusively charitable objects to address and advance education and to relieve poverty.

The Foundation runs a specialist one week residential advocacy course, open to all advocates and would-be advocates, including barristers, solicitors, other professional advocates and members of the public at Keble College, Oxford. Course delegates include advocates practising in England and abroad, including advocates at the United Nations International Crimes Tribunal in the Hague.

The Foundation is also pleased to support the Barristers Benevolent Association, the Bar Council Mock Trial Competition and the Free Representation Unit by making charitable donations.

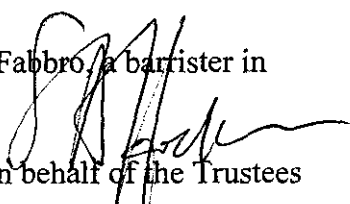
The Trustees will continue to address the various ways in which the Foundation may achieve its objects and will continue to seek the Charity Commission's approval for registration as a charity.

Financial Statements

The attached financial statements show the state of the Foundation's finances at 31 March 2002 and for the financial period ended on that date, The Trustees are of the opinion that the state of the Foundation's finances is no less sound than it was on 31 March 2002.

All funds received by the Foundation are available for its general purposes. Accordingly, there are no restricted, designated or endowed funds or resources.

The Foundation's independent financial examiner is Oscar del Fabbro, a barrister in practice at 23 Essex Street, London, WC2R 3AS.


On behalf of the Trustees

Stephen Hockman QC

13 December 2002

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN

While Michael Lawson QC was Leader of the South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess, he was concerned to address both education and poverty reaching beyond the geographical confines of his office. Initially he proposed that the Circuit Bar Mess itself should tackle this task by expanding the role of its successful advocacy course, held annually at Keble College, Oxford, and by supporting existing charities and not-for-profit organisations such as the Barristers Benevolent Association, the Bar Pro Bono Unit and the Free Representation Unit.

Professional advice on the establishment was obtained from Horwath Clark Whitehill, chartered accountants with a specialist charities department with a view to steering the Foundation towards registration with the Charity Commission. The Trustees are continuing that process with the Commission.

At an early stage, Michael Lawson QC interested HSBC Bank plc in providing an initial capital sum of £10,000 as sponsor to support the Foundation's objects. After the Foundation became established, HSBC Bank plc very generously agreed to increase the level of support by a further £10,000.

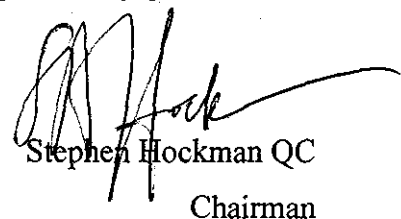
This provided a sound platform with which to launch the Foundation, but the challenges of advancing education and relieving poverty are formidable.

The Foundation has initiated a programme to assist in funding delegates on the Keble advocacy course for those who work in publicly funded legal advice centres or in the voluntary sector and who exercise advocacy functions or train others to do so.

The Foundation recognises that financial security for charities can be difficult to achieve, nevertheless the Trustees are committed to employing the Foundation's resources to provide assistance to those individuals and bodies in need of education and financial support. In addition to funds, the Foundation has received individual support from all those advocates, judges and other professionals who comprise the educational faculty for its courses and give their time free of charge.

The Foundation has reviewed the risk of the Foundation exhausting its financial resources. The Foundation's expenditure is driven by the availability of funds and bearing in mind the commitment of the South Eastern Circuit Bar mess to the successful establishment of the Foundation, the Foundation's Trustees are confident that the Foundation is not at risk of exhausting its financial resources.

In August 2002, the Keble Advocacy course welcomed delegates from the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal, and advocates from Africa, the NACAB and solicitors. The Faculty included US attorneys and senior South African advocates as well as Judges, QC's and other advocates from England all of whom generously gave their time without charge.



Stephen Hockman QC
Chairman

SOUTH EASTERN CIRCUIT BAR MESS FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD TO
31 MARCH 2002

Incoming Resources

	2002	2001
	£	£
Sponsorship for general purposes	11,000	20,300
Advocacy course fees	38,973	36,425
Interest	199	41
	-	556
	50,172	57,322

Expenditure of Resources

Formation advice and expenses	-	2,000
Advocacy course expenses	45,317	42,190
Printing	-	1,724
Administration	3,154	2,398
UN Refund	-	962
Bank Charges	24	15
Charitable donations	5,500	1,000
	53,995	50,289

Net for the period	(3,823)	7,033
Brought forward	7,033	-
Surplus of incoming resources	3,210	7,033

The Notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

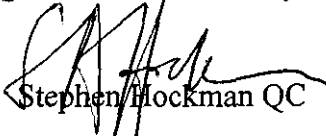
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2002

Current Assets	2002	2001
	£	£
Balance at Bank	(1,658)	6,071
VAT recoverable	902	962
Prepayment (Keble)	3,966	
	3,210	7,033
Represented by:		
Funds		
Unrestricted income	3,210	7,033

- (i) For the period ended 31 March 2002 the company was entitled to the exemption under subsection (1) of section 249A of the Companies Act 1985.
- (ii) No notice from members requiring an audit has been deposited under section 249B of the Companies Act 1985.
- (iii) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its surplus of income or excess of expenditure for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company and (c) preparing the accounts in accordance with the special provisions in Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on

2002 and signed on their behalf by


 Stephen Hockman QC
 Chairman


 Simon Barker

SOUTH EASTERN CIRCUIT BAR MESS FOUNDATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2002

Accounting Policies

General:

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

Income:

All income received by the Foundation is available for general purposes. Income has been accounted for once its receipt is certain, save that VAT recoverable is accounted for under the accruals concept.

Expenditure:

Expenditure is accounted for under the accruals concept.

Expenditure

Advocacy course expenses comprise:

Keble College, Oxford	£43,145
Videos, consultancy and advertising	<u>£2,182</u>
	£45,317

Administration and training costs comprise

Use of Middle Temple arbitration rooms	£330
Office and Administration (Bar Council)	£2,724
Sundry	<u>£100</u>
	£3,154

Charitable donations:

Free representation Unit	£2,000
Barristers Benevolent Association	£1,500
Bar Council Mock Trial competition	<u>£2,000</u>
	£5,500

The Foundation has no employees.

The Trustees provide their services free of charge and without receiving any benefit.

The independent examination of the Foundation's accounts is also undertaken free of charge and without provision of any benefit.

The Trustees consider that the great majority of the administration costs may fairly be attributed to direct charitable expenditure. In view of the amounts involved and the fact that all funds are available for the general purposes of the Foundation, it is not considered appropriate to apportion such expenditure on the face of the Foundation's Financial Statements.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the South Eastern Circuit Bar
Mess Foundation**

I report on accounts of Trust for the period ended 31 March 2002, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and the Independent Examiner

A the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act") does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

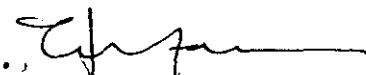
Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in any audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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