

Company Registration No. 03892607 (England And Wales)

South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Directors' Report And Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2008

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South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation
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Company Information

Directors	Philip Brook Smith	(Appointed 6 December 2007)
	Oscar Del Fabbro	
	Simon Barker	
	Christopher Kinch	
	Sarah Clarke	
	Richard Coleman	
	David Spens	(Appointed 6 December 2007)
	Giles Colin	(Appointed 6 December 2007)
Secretary	Oscar Del Fabbro	
Company number	03892607	
Registered office	289-293 High Holborn	
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South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation
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Directors' Report
For the year ended 31 March 2008

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008.

Principal Aims and Activities

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's activities include a one week residential advocacy course, open to all advocates and would-be advocates, including members of the public. The course is held at Keble College, Oxford. Delegates include practising lawyers from the UK and from other jurisdictions, advocates from the United Nations International War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague, and representatives from the Citizens Advice Bureau and from Law Centres providing free legal advice and representation to the public.

The Foundation also supports charities, including the Barristers Benevolent Association.

The Directors 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 report for the year

The financial statements show the state of the Foundation's finances at 31st March 2008 and for the financial period ending on that date. The Directors are of the opinion that the state of the Foundation's finances is no less sound than it was on 31st March 2007.

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

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 April 2007:

Philip Brook Smith	(Appointed 6 December 2007)
Oscar Del Fabbro	
Simon Barker	
Christopher Kinch	
Sarah Clarke	
Richard Coleman	
David Spens	(Appointed 6 December 2007)
Giles Colin	(Appointed 6 December 2007)
Timothy Dutton	(Resigned 6 December 2007)
Geoffrey Nice	(Resigned 6 December 2007)
Stephen Hockman	(Resigned 6 December 2007)
Philip Bartle	(Resigned 6 December 2007)
Toby Hooper	(Resigned 6 December 2007)

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Directors' Report (continued)
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Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

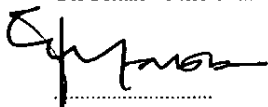
Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board



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Oscar Del Fabbro

18/12/08
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Chartered Accountants' Report To The Board Of Directors On The
Unaudited financial statements of South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation

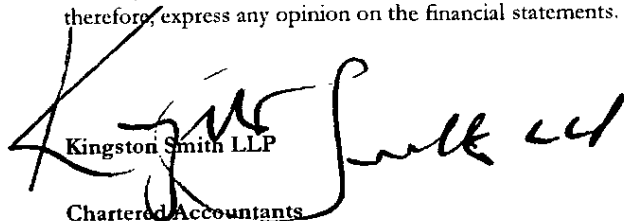
In accordance with the engagement letter dated 31 August 2006, and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 1985, we have compiled the financial statements of South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2008, set out on pages 4 to 7 from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the Company's Board of Directors, as a body, in accordance with the terms of engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Company's Board of Directors that we have done so, and state those matters we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Board of Directors as a body, for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the compilation of financial statements.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at 31 March 2008 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 1985. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.


Kingston Smith LLP
Chartered Accountants

24/12/08

Devonshire House
60 Goswell Road
London
EC1M 7AD

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Profit And Loss Account
For the year ended 31 March 2008

		2008	2007
	Notes	£	£
Turnover		96,114	98,300
Administrative expenses		(104,754)	(109,207)
Operating loss		(8,640)	(10,907)
Other interest receivable and similar income	2	951	768
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(7,689)	(10,139)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	3	-	-
Loss for the year	5	(7,689)	(10,139)

South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation
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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2008

	Notes	2008 £	£	2007 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		5,852		20,430	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(8,415)		(15,304)	
Total assets less current liabilities			(2,563)		5,126
Capital and reserves					
Profit and loss account	5		(2,563)		5,126
Shareholders' funds			(2,563)		5,126

In preparing these financial statements:

- (a) The directors are of the opinion that the company is entitled to the exemption from audit conferred by Section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) No notice has been deposited under Section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985, and
- (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:
 - (i) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and
 - (ii) 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 profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

Approved by the Board for issue on 18/12/08.....



Oscar Del Fabbro
 Director

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Notes To The Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2008

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

The Company is supported by South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess (SECBM). Any loss is covered by subventions from SECBM to enable the Company to meet its cash requirements. In June 2008 a further subvention of £12,000 was paid to the company from SECBM. It is on the basis of this continuing financial support that the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently (except as otherwise stated).

1.3 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

2 Investment income	2008	2007
	£	£
Bank interest	951	768
	<u>951</u>	<u>768</u>

3 Taxation

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2008	2007
	£	£
Taxation and social security	1,250	379
Other creditors	7,165	14,925
	<u>8,415</u>	<u>15,304</u>

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5 Statement of movements on profit and loss account

	Profit and loss account
	£
Balance at 1 April 2007	5,126
Loss for the year	(7,689)
Balance at 31 March 2008	(2,563)