

SOUTH EASTERN CIRCUIT BAR MESS FOUNDATION
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)



Directors' Report And Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2012

Company Registration No 03892607 (England And Wales)

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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Philip Brook Smith QC
Oscar Del Fabbro
Sarah Clarke
Richard Coleman
Giles Colin
Anesta Weekes QC

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SOUTH EASTERN CIRCUIT BAR MESS FOUNDATION
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DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012

Principal 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 skills training course on advanced trial advocacy. It is a unique course providing a challenging environment for the development of advanced skills for both criminal and civil lawyers and others involved in representing parties in disputes before courts, tribunals and arbitrations. The course has evolved an international reputation and renown and hosts attendees from the UK, the Commonwealth and other international jurisdictions.

The Foundation also supports charities which include not only those associated with the Bar such as the Bar Benevolent Association but also the National Pro Bono Centre and the Citizenship Foundation.

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 reflect the continued efforts of the Advocacy Course Directors and Chairman in ensuring that a tight rein was kept on the budget and the costs expended in providing a first class course at affordable prices to delegates. Careful stewardship of the Foundation's resources ensured that the annual support and subvention from the South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess was retained. The Directors are appreciative of the Course Directors' efforts and achievements during their tenure and greatly appreciative of the funding made available by the generosity of the Circuit and its members.

The Directors are of the opinion that the state of the Foundation's finances are as sound as they were on 31 March 2011.

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 2011

Philip Brook Smith QC

Oscar Del Fabbro

Christopher Kinch QC

(Resigned 13 March 2012)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Sarah Clarke
Richard Coleman
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Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

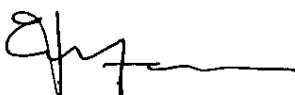
Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and accounting 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and 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 2006. 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 relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



Oscar Del Fabbro

Director

17/12/12

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SOUTH EASTERN CIRCUIT BAR MESS FOUNDATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

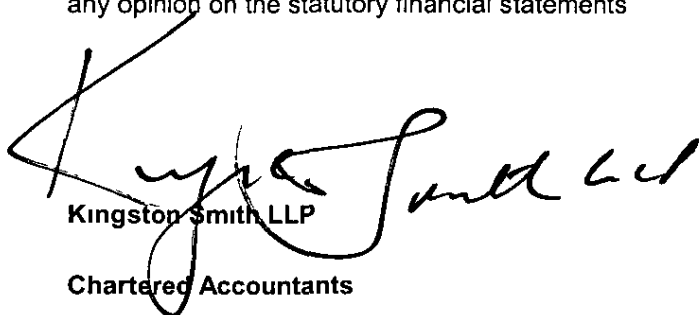
In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2012 set out on pages 4 to 7 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com/membershandbook

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 31 August 2006. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation, as a body, in this report in accordance with AAF 2/10 as detailed at icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation and its Board of Directors as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and loss of South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation. You consider that South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation. 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 statutory financial statements.



Kingston Smith LLP

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21/12/12

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SOUTH EASTERN CIRCUIT BAR MESS FOUNDATION
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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

	Notes	2012 £	2011 £
Turnover		127,171	154,509
Administrative expenses		(135,171)	(130,553)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(8,000)	23,956
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	2	-	-
(Loss)/profit for the year	5	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>23,956</u>

SOUTH EASTERN CIRCUIT BAR MESS FOUNDATION
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2012

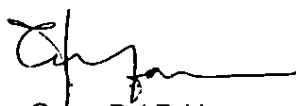
	Notes	2012 £	£	2011 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	3	5,040		5,753	
Cash at bank and in hand		9,324		16,164	
		<u>14,364</u>		<u>21,917</u>	
Creditors' amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(1,697)</u>		<u>(1,250)</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>12,667</u>		<u>20,667</u>
Capital and reserves					
Profit and loss account	5		<u>12,667</u>		<u>20,667</u>
Shareholders' funds			<u>12,667</u>		<u>20,667</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2012 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements 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 sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by the Board for issue on 17/12/12



Oscar Del Fabbro
Director

Company Registration No 03892607

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

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 April 2008)

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 It is on the basis of this continuing financial support that the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the 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 course fees and sponsorship

2 Taxation

	2012 £	2011 £
Total current tax	-	-

3 Debtors

	2012 £	2011 £
Other debtors	5,040	5,753

4 Creditors amounts falling due within one year

	2012 £	2011 £
Other creditors	1,697	1,250

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

5 Statement of movements on profit and loss account

	Profit and loss account £
Balance at 1 April 2011	20,667
Loss for the year	(8,000)
Balance at 31 March 2012	12,667

6 Control

There is no single controlling party