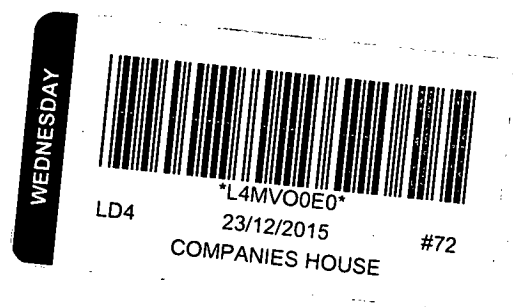


# South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation (A Company Limited By Guarantee)

Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 March 2015



**South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**Company Information**

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| <b>Directors</b>         | Philip Brook Smith QC<br>Oscar del Fabbro<br>Sarah Clarke<br>Richard Coleman QC<br>Giles Colin<br>Anesta Weekes QC |
| <b>Secretary</b>         | Oscar del Fabbro                                                                                                   |
| <b>Company number</b>    | 03892607                                                                                                           |
| <b>Registered office</b> | 289-293 High Holborn<br>London<br>WC1V 7HZ                                                                         |
| <b>Accountants</b>       | Kingston Smith LLP<br>Devonshire House<br>60 Goswell Road<br>London<br>EC1M 7AD                                    |
| <b>Bankers</b>           | HSBC Bank plc<br>431 Oxford Street<br>London<br>W1C 2DA                                                            |

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# South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation

## (A Company Limited by Guarantee)

### Directors' Report

For the year ended 31 March 2015

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The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

#### **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 take note of the continuing success of the advanced trial advocacy course and thank all the Course Directors and the members of faculty for their generous contribution and the time they selflessly dedicate to this important event in the Circuit's annual activities.

On behalf of the Foundation the Directors thank the Committee and members of the South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess for their continuing financial support as evidenced by the generous subvention in the current year.

The Directors are of the opinion that the state of the Foundation's finances are as sound as they were on 31 March 2014.

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

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Directors' Report (Continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2015

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**Directors**

The following directors have held office since 1 April 2014:

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

**Statement of directors' responsibilities**

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

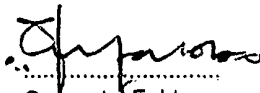
Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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

  
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Oscar del Fabbro  
Director  
18/12/15  
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# South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation

## (A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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 2015

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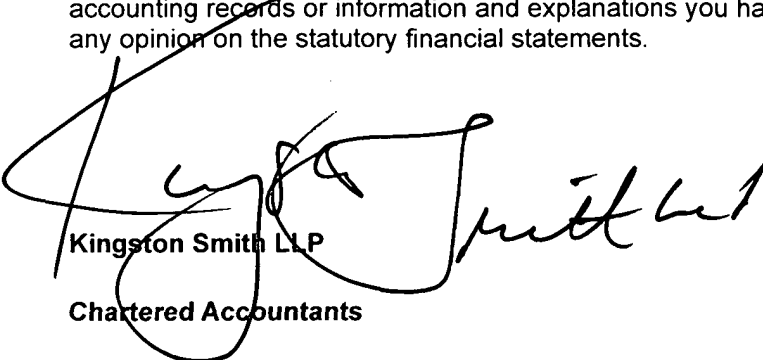
In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2015 set out on pages 4 to 7 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations 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/regulations](http://icaew.com/regulations).

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](http://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 profit 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

Chartered Accountants

21/12/15

Devonshire House  
60 Goswell Road  
London  
EC1M 7AD

South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)  
Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 March 2015

|                                                             |       | 2015<br>£ | 2014<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                             | Notes |           |           |
| Turnover                                                    |       | 171,271   | 146,323   |
| Administrative expenses                                     |       | (156,366) | (147,681) |
|                                                             |       |           |           |
| <b>Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</b> |       | 14,905    | (1,358)   |
| Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities                 | 2     | -         | -         |
|                                                             |       |           |           |
| <b>Profit/(loss) for the year</b>                           | 5     | 14,905    | (1,358)   |

**South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**Balance Sheet**

As at 31 March 2015

|                                                       | Notes | 2015<br>£     | £             | 2014<br>£    | £            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |               |               |              |              |
| Debtors                                               | 3     | 7,862         |               | 1,318        |              |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 13,773        |               | 4,909        |              |
|                                                       |       | <u>21,635</u> |               | <u>6,227</u> |              |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 4     | (2,256)       |               | (1,753)      |              |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>          |       |               | <u>19,379</u> |              | <u>4,474</u> |
| <b>Capital and reserves</b>                           |       |               |               |              |              |
| Profit and loss account                               | 5     |               | 19,379        |              | 4,474        |
| <b>Shareholders' funds</b>                            |       |               | <u>19,379</u> |              | <u>4,474</u> |

For the financial year ended 31 March 2015 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No member of the company eligible to do so 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 complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by the Board for issue on 19/12/15.....



Oscar del Fabbro  
 Director

Company Registration No. 03892607

South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 March 2015

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**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, sponsorship and SECBM subvention.

|          |                                                       |             |             |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>2</b> | <b>Taxation</b>                                       | <b>2015</b> | <b>2014</b> |
|          |                                                       | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
|          | <b>Total current tax</b>                              | -           | -           |
|          |                                                       | =====       | =====       |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Debtors</b>                                        | <b>2015</b> | <b>2014</b> |
|          |                                                       | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
|          | Other debtors                                         | 7,862       | 1,318       |
|          |                                                       | =====       | =====       |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2014</b> |
|          |                                                       | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
|          | Trade creditors                                       | 496         | -           |
|          | Other creditors                                       | 1,760       | 1,753       |
|          |                                                       | =====       | =====       |
|          |                                                       | 2,256       | 1,753       |
|          |                                                       | =====       | =====       |

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)  
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**5 Statement of movements on profit and loss account**

|                          | <b>Profit and loss<br/>account</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                          | <b>£</b>                           |
| Balance at 1 April 2014  | 4,474                              |
| Profit for the year      | 14,905                             |
| Balance at 31 March 2015 | <u>19,379</u>                      |

**6 Control**

There is no single controlling party.