

South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2016

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South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation
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Directors' Report

For the year ended 31 March 2016

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016.

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 the course retains its high standards and reputation while remaining affordable to all potential trainees.

Rising costs in providing adequate and suitable accommodation have provided a challenge for all concerned. Every effort is made to ensure that those practising advocates involved in publically funded work are provided the same opportunities in attending this course as those from better resourced areas of practice.

Careful stewardship of the Foundation's resources has 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 2015. 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 2016

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 April 2015:

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

Oscar del Fabbro
Director
19 December 2016

**South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation
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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 2016**

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 2016 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 ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. 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

20 December 2016

Chartered Accountants

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Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 March 2016

		2016 £	2015 £
	Notes		
Turnover		137,814	171,271
Administrative expenses		(172,282)	(156,366)
		—	—
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(34,468)	14,905
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	2	-	-
		—	—
(Loss)/profit for the year	5	(34,468)	14,905
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South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess Foundation
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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2016

	Notes	2016 £	£	2015 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	3	4,583		7,862	
Cash at bank and in hand		13,545		13,773	
		<u>18,128</u>		<u>21,635</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(33,217)</u>		<u>(2,256)</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>(15,089)</u>		<u>19,379</u>
Capital and reserves					
Profit and loss account	5		<u>(15,089)</u>		<u>19,379</u>
Shareholders' funds			<u>(15,089)</u>		<u>19,379</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2016 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit.

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 January 2015).

Approved by the Board for issue on 19 December 2016

Oscar del Fabbro
Director

Company Registration No. 03892607

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2016

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 2015).

The Company is supported by South Eastern Circuit Bar Mess (SECBM). Losses are covered by subventions and a £31,410 loan from SECBM to enable the Company to meet its cash requirements. The board of SECBM have provided assurances that they will not seek repayment of the loan until the company's financial situation permits. 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.

2 Taxation	2015	2014
	£	£
Total current tax	-	-
	=====	=====
3 Debtors	2016	2015
	£	£
Other debtors	4,583	7,862
	=====	=====
4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2016	2015
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	496
Taxation and social security	67	-
Other creditors	33,150	1,760
	=====	=====
	33,217	2,256
	=====	=====

Included within Other creditors is £31,410 (2015 - £nil) due to SECBM).

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5 Statement of movements on profit and loss account

	Profit and loss account £
Balance at 1 April 2015	19,379
Loss for the year	(34,468)
Balance at 31 March 2016	(15,089)

6 Control

There is no single controlling party.

This document was delivered using electronic communications and authenticated in accordance with the registrar's rules relating to electronic form, authentication and manner of delivery under section 1072 of the Companies Act 2006.