

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 2009

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#### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 2009

The Council present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st October, 2009

#### **Principal Activity**

The principal activity of the company is to regulate and provide services to local member law firms

#### **Financial Statements**

At an operating level the company incurred a deficit for the year of £3,618 compared to a surplus of £1,909 in 2008 The company's investment portfolios have benefited from an upturn in the stock market, resulting in a surplus of income over expenditure, before taxation, for the year ended 31st October, 2009 of £26,646 (2008 - deficit £50,757)

#### Council

The members of the Council to have held office during the year and to the date of this report are as follows

President M E Stewart Honorary Secretary M V Wilson Honorary Treasurer R F Palmer Immediate Past Presidents Mrs M J Taylor

J D Bates (Dec)

W E Sweeney

Council Members R F Taylor C J Drinkall

TF Durkin P A Duffus

In accordance with Article 33 of the Articles of Association, as amended at the 2004 AGM, all elected and co-opted members of Council retire from office and are eligible for re-election

It is with deep regret that Council records the death of Past President, J. D. Bates and places on record their appreciation of his contribution to the Society

#### Membership

The number of members on the roll of the company is 139 (2008 161)

#### Council's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

Company law requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that year In preparing these financial statements, the Council are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to 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

### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, 2009 (CONTINUED)

#### Auditors

The company has decided not to appoint auditors

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15, Chapter 5 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

M.V. WILSON HONORARY SECRETARY

HULL 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010

#### CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE

#### UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF

### HULL INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

We have performed certain procedures in respect of the Society's unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009, made enquiries of the Society's council members and assessed accounting policies adopted by Council, in order to gather sufficient evidence for our conclusion in this report

This report is made to the Society's Council, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. It has been released to Council on the basis that this report shall not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole (save for Council's own internal purposes or as may be required by law or by a competent regulator) or in part, without our prior written consent. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Council those matters that 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 Society and its council members as a body for our work, for this report or the conclusions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities

You have confirmed that you have met your duty as set out in the Council's statement on page 1. You consider that the Society is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year Our responsibility is to form and express an independent conclusion, based on the work carried out, to you on the financial statements

#### Scope

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales Interim Technical Release AAF 03/06 Our work was based primarily upon enquiry, analytical procedures and assessing accounting policies in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the UK If we considered it to be necessary, we also performed limited examinations of evidence relevant to certain balances and disclosures in the financial statements where we became aware of matters that might indicate a risk of material misstatements in the financial statements

The terms of our engagement exclude any requirement to carry out a comprehensive assessment of the risks of material misstatement, a consideration of fraud, laws, regulations and internal controls, and we have not done so We are not required to, and we do not, express an audit opinion on these financial statements

#### Conclusion

Based on our work, nothing has come to our attention to refute Council's confirmation that in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Society's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009 and of its surplus of income over expenditure for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the UK

HULL 19th MARCH 2010 DUTTON MOORE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

### HULL INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 2009

	2	009	2	2008
Operating Income				
Membership Subscriptions		8,239		9,117
Library Subscriptions		6,146		8,351
Post Boxes – DX		6,950		6,800
Post Boxes		12,887		15,793
Carol Service		(421)		(511)
Seminars, including Room Hire		1,748		3,991
Annual Dinner and Other Social Functions		<u>(2,830)</u>		<u>(216)</u>
		32,719		43,325
Operating Expenses				
Salaries and National Insurance of Librarians	15,000		15,000	
Staff Employer's NI Contributions	490		623	
Rates and Service Charge	3,149		3,088	
Rent	2,880		2,880	
Insurance	1,764		1,689	
Book Replacements, Bindings etc	5,011		9,595	
Lighting and Heating	1,674		1,546	
Repairs and Renewals	685		441	
Printing and Stationery	1,474		2,014	
Postages	103		135	
Telephone	529		280	
Contribution to Secretary's Expenses	500		500	
Accountancy and Taxation Services	1,955		2,074	
Bank Charges and Interest	8		16	
Bad Debts			586	
Sundry Expenses	848		311	
Subscriptions	267		510	
Depreciation on Furniture and Equipment		(36,337)	128	<u>(41,416)</u>
Operating (Deficit)/Surplus		(3,618)		1,909
Donation received	50		-	
Investment Income	5,504		5,880	
Loss on Sale of Investments	(5,199)		(8,719)	
Broker Charges	(964)		(1,159)	
Decrease/(Increase) in Diminution Provision	30,810		(49,089)	
Interest Receivable	84	<u>30,285</u>	<u> 579</u>	(52,508)
Accumulated Fund – Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		26,667		(50,599)
Prize Fund - Interest Receivable	22		22	
- Prize Awarded	-		(100)	
- Diminution Provision	(43)	_(21)	(80)	<u>(158)</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		26,646		(50,757)
Corporation Tax		<del></del>		(424)
Surplus/(Deficit) after tax		£26,646		£(51,181)
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# HULL INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, 2009

	Notes	2009	2008
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	6		2 2
Investments	5	168,7	138,654
		168,7	B6 138,656
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	7,001	15,050
Cash at Bank and in Hand		18,901	13,003
		25,902	28,053
CREDITORS amounts falling due		•	•
within one year	8	(16,635)	(15,302)
Net Current Assets		9,2	12,751
		£178,0	53 £151,407
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES		1 to 11 to 1	
Accumulated Fund	9	176,3	20 149,653
Prize Fund	9	1,7.	
Total Funds		£178,0	
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

In approving these financial statements as members of the Council we confirm

- (a) that for the year stated above the Society was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006,
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the Society pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 and
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for
- (1) ensuring that the Society keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and
- (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Society

Approved by members of Council

President ME Stewart

Honorary Treasurer R F Palmer

Honorary Secretary M V Wilson

Dated: 9th March 2010

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these accounts

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 2009

#### l Principal Accounting Policies

1 The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

#### 12 Accounts

Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention

The company has prepared a detailed income and expenditure account as this provides more relevant information for members and gives more of a true and fair view than a profit and loss account in the format required by Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

#### 13 Operating Income

Operating income is the amount receivable by the company for the provision of services, facilities and functions to members of the society

#### 14 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows

Library

Written down to £1

Fixtures, fittings and equipment

Written down to £1

#### 15 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at the lower of their historical cost or year end market value Any reductions in the carrying values of the investments are taken to the Income and Expenditure Account

#### 16 Asset Finance

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term

#### 17 Deferred and Current Taxation

Provision is made for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 16 Current Tax, investment income is recognised at an amount that excludes attributable tax credits not payable wholly on behalf of the recipient

#### 2 Operating Income

The operating income and the surplus before taxation are attributable to the company's principal activity, as defined in the council's report and are both derived in the United Kingdom

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

3	Operating Profit	2009	2008
	This is stated after charging		
	Depreciation and other amounts written off Tangible Assets Operating Lease Rentals - Land and Buildings	£2,880	£129 £2,880
4	Tax on Profit on Ordinary Activities		
	UK current year taxation		
	UK corporation tax	£ -	£424
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	Factors affecting tax charge for the year		
	(Loss)/Profit on ordinary activities before tax	£26,646	£(50,757)
	(Loss)/Profit on ordinary activities at the applicable		
	rate of UK corporation tax	5,596	(10,446)
	Effects of		
	Capital allowances for the period in excess of depreciation	(10)	-
	Depreciation for the period in excess of capital allowances	-	12
	Losses brought forward	(2,068)	(2,214)
	Losses carried forward Change of rate	3,050 (43)	2,068
	Provision for diminution in value of investments	(6,461)	10,119
	Dividends receivable	(1,156)	(909)
	Loss on sale of investments	1,092	1,794
	UK corporation tax	-	£424

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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Fixed Asset Investments	Listed Investments
Cost	
At 1st November, 2008	185,784
Additions	102,960
Disposals	(103,619)
At 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2009	£185,125
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Provision for Diminution in Value	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2008	49,089
Written back in the year	(30,810)
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At 31st October, 2009	£18,279
Net Book Values	
At 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2009	£166,846
At 31st October, 2008	£136,695

The market value of the portfolio as at 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2008 was £136,695. At 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009 the market value was below cost and the provision for diminution has been adjusted to bring the carrying value in line with the market value

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 5 Fixed Asset Investments (Continued)

J. Willis Mills Prize Fund	Other Investments
Cost	
£588 00 3½% War Stock	
Cost at 1st November, 2008 and 31st October, 2009	500
Bank Deposit - At 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2008	1,539
- Interest received in the year	22
	£2,061
Provision for Diminution in Value	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2008	80
Added in the year	43
Added in the year	<del></del>
At 31st October, 2009	£123
71 51 000001, 2007	£125
Per Accounts at 31st October, 2009	£1,938
Per Accounts at 31st October, 2008	£1,959
Total Investments at 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2009	£168,784
Total Investments at 31st October, 2008	£138,654

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

6	Tangible Fixed Assets	Law Library	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
	Cost At 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2008 and 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2009	£901	£8,117	£9,018
	<b>Depreciation</b> At 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2008 Charged for the Year	900	8,116	9,016 -
	At 31st October, 2009	£900	£8,116	£9,016
	Net Book Value At 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2009	£1 —	£1 —	£2 —
	At 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2008	£1 —	£1 —	£2 —
7	Debtors		2009	2008
	Other Debtors Prepayments and Accrued Income		3,916 3,085	12,512 2,538
			£7,001	£15,050
8	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	Trade Creditors Other Taxes and Social Security Costs Accruals and Deferred Income Corporation Tax		6 199 16,430	1,034 210 13,634 424
			£16,635	£15,302
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#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

#### 9 Capital and Reserves

	Accumulated Fund	Prize Fund
At 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2008 Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	149,653 26,667	1,754 (21)
At 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2009	£176,320	£1,733

#### 10 Financial Commitments

At 31st October, 2009 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	Leases, excluding		
	Land and Buildings		
	2009	2008	
Expiry Date:			
Between one and five years	£1,150	£1,327	
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#### 11 Membership

The company is limited by guarantee—In the event of it being wound up during the period of a member's membership or within one year afterwards, each member, unless found to have acted contrary to the company's Memorandum of Association, shall be liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £5 towards any shortfall of assets against liabilities—Members acting in contravention of the company's Memorandum of Association shall have unlimited liability—The Society had 139 members at the balance sheet date (2008–161)