

GRAYS INN SQUARE CHAMBERS LIMITED

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

Company number 1511340



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DIRECTORS

E Appleby (Chairperson)  
The Hon M J Beloff  
G F P Caws (Resigned 28 June 1996)  
D R P Mole  
R A Barratt (Appointed 28 June 1996)  
D B W Ouseley QC (Appointed 28 June 1996)

SECRETARY

D R P Mole

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R Shah & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
1 East Passage  
London  
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GRAYS INN SQUARE CHAMBERS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

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The directors present their annual report and the accounts for the year ended 30 September 1996.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company is to provide a management, secretarial, clerical, accounting and library service for the members of the chambers.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit after taxation for the year was £38,515 (1995: £22,081). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

BUSINESS REVIEW

The results for the year were satisfactory.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The directors anticipate that the results for the following year will be satisfactory.

FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets amounting to £48,022 (1995:£198,183) were acquired during the year.

DIRECTORS

Each of the directors held 2 ordinary shares, except for R A Barratt who held one share, throughout the period under review.

The directors named on page 1 served throughout the period.

TAXATION STATUS

The close company provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 do not apply to the company.

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Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors 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;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is in appropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the company and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS

Messrs R Shah & Co have expressed their willingness to continue as auditors. In accordance with section 384 of the Companies Act 1985 a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the Board

  
E Appleby  
Director  
29 July 1997

AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF GRAYS INN SQUARE CHAMBERS LIMITED

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We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As described in the directors' report, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

**Basis of opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 30 September 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

*R Shah & Co*

R Shah & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
and Registered Auditor  
1 East Passage  
London  
EC1A 7LP

29 July 1997

GRAYS INN SQUARE CHAMBERS LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
TURNOVER	2	1,156,364	1,116,589
Administrative expenses		1,105,549	1,078,445
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Operating profit	3	50,815	38,144
Interest receivable		3	123
Interest payable	5	(4,756)	(7,786)
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PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		46,062	30,481
Taxation	6	7,547	8,400
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PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		38,515	22,081
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The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year.

There were no acquisitions or discontinued operations either in the current or the preceeding year.

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

## GRAYS INN SQUARE CHAMBERS LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

	Notes	1996		1996	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7		386,092		391,383
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	114,549		243,072	
Cash at bank and in hand		98,985		4,431	
		<u>213,534</u>		<u>247,503</u>	
CREDITORS:					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	290,033		320,830	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES					
			(76,499)		(73,327)
			<u>309,593</u>		<u>318,056</u>
CREDITORS:					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	10		60,593		107,571
NET ASSETS					
			<u>249,000</u>		<u>210,485</u>
			=====		=====
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called-up share capital	11		61		61
Reserves	12		248,939		210,424
SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	13		<u>249,000</u>		<u>210,485</u>
			=====		=====

Approved by the board on 29 July 1997

  
 E Appleby  
 Director

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Accounting convention**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

**Fixed assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost, less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Furniture, fixtures and equipment	20% of cost
Law library	2% of cost
Leasehold premises	over the period of lease

**Leased assets**

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements ('finance leases') the assets are included in the balance sheet at cost less depreciation in accordance with the company's normal accounting policies. The present value of future rentals is shown as a liability. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease in proportion to the balance of capital payments outstanding. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

**Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method on long term timing differences, except for those which are not expected to reverse in the future.

**Pension schemes**

Contributions in respect of the defined contriution scheme are charged against profits of the accounting period for which they are due.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents total fees receivable from the members of the chambers, net of Value Added tax.

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3. OPERATING PROFIT

	1996	1995
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors remuneration	2,405	2,680
Operating lease costs	32,710	29,790
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	53,313	69,051
	=====	=====

No directors received any emoluments from the company during the year.

4. EMPLOYEES

The average number of persons employed in an administrative capacity during the year was 15 (1995: 14).

Staff costs:

Wages and salaries	315,757	294,486
Social security costs	57,431	54,682
Pension costs - defined contribution scheme	9,667	9,075
	=====	=====
	382,855	358,243

5. INTEREST PAYABLE

Bank overdraft & loan	3,504	5,697
Hire purchase	1,252	
Other		2,089
	=====	=====
	4,756	7,786

6. TAXATION

The charge is made up as follows:

Corporation tax @ 24.5%	15,075	8,400
Over provision of Corporation tax in previous years	(7,528)	
	=====	=====
	7,547	8,400

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short Leasehold Premises £	Furniture & Fixtures Equipment £	Law Library £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 1995	147,582	111,909	242,316	501,807
Disposals				0
Additions		20,312	27,710	48,022
At 30 September 1996	<u>147,582</u>	<u>132,221</u>	<u>270,026</u>	<u>549,829</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 October 1995	45,410	36,729	28,285	110,424
Disposals				0
Charge for the year	24,040	23,872	5,401	53,313
At 30 September 1996	<u>69,450</u>	<u>60,601</u>	<u>33,686</u>	<u>163,737</u>
Net Book Value				
At 30 September 1996	<u>78,132</u>	<u>71,620</u>	<u>236,340</u>	<u>386,092</u>
At 30 September 1995	<u>102,172</u>	<u>75,180</u>	<u>214,031</u>	<u>391,383</u>

The net book value of assets acquired under hire purchase contracts amounted to £12,441 (1995:nil). Depreciation charge for the year in respect of these assets was £4,146.

8. DEBTORS	1996 £	1995 £
Trade debtors	95,888	141,295
Corporation tax		3,628
Prepayments and accrued income	18,661	98,149
	<u>114,549</u>	<u>243,072</u>

9. CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Bank overdraft		52,712
Bank loan	37,500	37,500
Hire purchase	8,790	
Trade creditors and accruals	17,336	18,869
Corporation tax	16,053	8,400
Other taxes & social security payments	72,385	58,469
Other creditors	137,969	144,880
	<u>290,033</u>	<u>320,830</u>

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	1995	1995
	£	£
Bank loan	56,250	93,750
Hire purchase	4,343	
Other creditors		13,821
	<u>60,593</u>	<u>107,571</u>
	=====	=====

11. CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	=====	=====
Issued, allotted and fully paid		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	61	61
	=====	=====

12. RESERVES

At 1 October 1995	210,424	188,343
Retained profit for the year	38,515	22,081
	<u>248,939</u>	<u>210,424</u>
	=====	=====

13. SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS

At 1 October 1995	210,485	188,404
Retained profit for the year	38,515	22,081
	<u>249,000</u>	<u>210,485</u>
	=====	=====

14. OPERATING LEASE ANNUAL COMMITMENTS

The company had the following annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	Land & Buildings		Other	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
	£	£	£	£
Other leases which expire:				
Between one and five years	261,000	261,000	37,924	32,807
	=====	=====	=====	=====

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14. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no contingent liabilities or capital commitments at the balance sheet date.