The Law Society Pension Scheme Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2002

Registered No: 02296144

The Law Society Pension Scheme Limited Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2002

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Directors' Report

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002, which was approved by the Board.

Constitution

The company was incorporated as a company limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital, on 14 September 1988. By its Articles, membership is limited to such persons as shall be proposed for membership by the council of the Law Society as approved by the Directors.

The company is a subsidiary of the Law Society, which is incorporated by Royal Charter in Great Britain and is regarded by the Directors as the ultimate parent.

Principal Activities of the Company

The company is at present solely engaged in acting as Trustee of The Law Society Pension Scheme Limited which is governed by the trust deed and rules and is approved and "exempt approved scheme" under the terms of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Financial Statements

The company did not trade in the period; the balance sheet at 31 December 2002 is attached.

Directors

The directors who served during 2002 were:

John Hayes (Chairman) appointed 8 October 2002

Paul Gilbert (Chairman) resigned 30 September 2002

Martin O'Reilly

Chris Wright

Margaret Wright resigned 22 March 2002

Robin Healey

Maureen Macnamara resigned 26 July 2002

Anita Gibbins appointed 7 May 2002

Directors' Emoluments

The remuneration received by Mr J Hayes in the period from October 2002 was met by The Society.

Auditors

The current auditors, Moore Stephens have expressed willingness to continue in office.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

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23rd Ju 2003

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year 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 the profit and loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply then consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate that the company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable then to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The Law Society Pension Scheme Limited

We have audited the financial statements of The Law Society Pension Scheme Limited for the year ended 31 December 2002 set out on page 7. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed. We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, 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 financial statements 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 financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2002 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

MOORE STEPHENS

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2002

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The company had neither assets nor liabilities as at 31 December 2002 or 31 December 2001.

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Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting policy

The financial statements have been prepared for the year ended 31 December 2002 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

2. Profit and loss account

The company did not trade during the year or the preceding year and accordingly no profit and loss account or statement of recognised gains and losses has been prepared. None of the directors received any remuneration (2001: £nil) and the company had no employees apart from the Directors. The audit fee is borne by the Law Society.

3. Members' liabilities

The members' liabilities are limited by guarantee to £1 each. At 31 December 2002 the company had six members.