

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL LAW SOCIETY

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

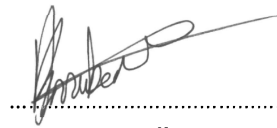
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, for the statements I have made, or for the opinions I have stated.



Dated 15 January 2025

Darren Broadbent

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
for and on behalf of **Forrest Burlinson Chartered Accountants**

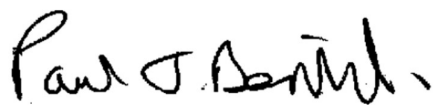
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2024

charity number 1181002

RECEIPTS	Notes	2023/24	2022/23
			£
Members' subscriptions	3	35,450	32,490
CUP royalty payments	7	4,193	6,403
Conference Income		3,560	3,514
Sponsorship		4,500	
Lectures		660	
Other income		453	278
Interest received		2,156	985
Total Receipts		50,972	43,670
PAYMENTS			
Journal costs	4	9,117	9,493
Conference and events costs			
Conferences		5,474	4,596
Lectures		1,116	166
Grants Awards and Presentations		400	500
Education		1,311	2,044
Administration costs:			
Website and other online costs		3,032	2,668
Administration	5	28,004	19,419
Trustee Expenses	6	1,687	185
Independent examiner's fees		600	600
Bank and subscription collection charges		589	513
Total Payments		51,330	40,184
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(359)	3,486
Current assets at beginning of year		66,276	62,790
Current assets at end of year		65,917	66,276
Cash at Bankers: COIF Deposit		19,423	18,473
CAF Bank		46,494	47,803
Total Current Assets		65,917	66,276

Notes to accounts for the year ending 30 June 2024:

1. *All the funds of the Society are unrestricted as defined by the Charities Act 2011.*
2. *These accounts cover the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024*
3. *Members' subscriptions are collected by Direct Debit, BACS and card payments via the Society's website, and recorded on a cash basis.*
4. *The Society pays honoraria to the Editor and the Consultant Editor of the Journal. In 2023/24 these totalled £9,000. In addition, costs were incurred in hosting a meeting of the editorial board.*
5. *Administration Costs include the fees paid to three service providers – the Executive Secretary, the Finance Officer and the Communications Officer. Their fees totalled £18,957. Administration expenses totalled £1,715. In 2024 the Society was the subject of a Subject Data Access Request from a member. For this and for other legal advice connected with that process legal fees of £7,332 were incurred*
6. *Trustee Expenses of £1,687 are shown separately and a further £226 of out-of-pocket reimbursements to trustees are included under appropriate expense headings. In November 2023 the Trustees met for an awayday which incurred costs of £1,450.*
7. *These are the last of the Royalties under the now expired CUP contract. Future years will show lower royalty income for the Journal due to increased costs of production reflected in the new CUP contract. In the prior year we received two sets of royalties hence the lower figure this year.*
8. *Payments of £135 were made to a Trustee, Fr Stephen Coleman, for his services as a trainer in Canon Law. In addition, Fr Coleman is Priest-in-Charge of The Grosvenor Chapel which was paid £159 for the use of its facilities for London lectures*



Paul Benfield
Treasurer
15 January 2025

Approved by the Trustees on 15th January 2025