

**THE COMMERCIAL LAW ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD**

ACN: 001 290 115

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2011**

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**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 31 December 2011**

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Current Assets			
Cash	5	23,507	37,748
Receivables	6	51,287	30,270
Investments	7	110,115	90,290
Inventories	8	46	46
Petty Cash		200	200
Other	9	3,083	2,686
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Total Current Assets		188,238	161,240
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Non Current Assets			
Property Plant & Equipment	10	464	275
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Total Non Current Assets		464	275
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Total Assets		188,702	161,515
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Current Liabilities			
Payables	11	62,834	61,620
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Total Current Liabilities		62,834	61,620
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Net Assets		125,868	99,895
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Member's Funds			
Retained Profits o/b		99,895	75,689
Extraordinary Item		0	0
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		99,895	75,689
Current Surplus		25,973	24,206
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Total Member's Funds		125,868	99,895
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**Statement of Financial Performance**  
**Year ended 31 December 2011**

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Function Revenue		82,244	109,436
Cost of Functions		-32,165	-44,224
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Gross Profit		50,079	65,212
Other Revenue from Ordinary Activities		117,452	92,655
Distribution Expenses		-4,870	-5,239
Occupancy Expenses		-912	-643
Administrative Expenses		-60,436	-60,266
Other Expenses from Ordinary Activities		-75,340	-67,513
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Profit from Ordinary Activities before Income Tax		25,973	24,206
Income Tax Expense		0	0
Extraordinary Item	1(e)	0	0
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Operating Profit After Income Tax		25,973	24,206
Member's Funds at the beginning of the year		99,895	75,689
Extraordinary Item		0	0
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Member's Funds at the end of the year		125,868	99,895
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**THE COMMERCIAL LAW ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**As at 31 December 2011**

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from Operations		173,173	199,227
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		-173,723	-177,885
Interest Received		6,260	3,240
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Total Net Cash used on Operating Activities	4	5,710	24,582
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Net Cash used on Operating & Investing Activities		5,710	24,582
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Net (Decrease)Increase in Cash & Cash Equivalents		5,710	24,582
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Opening Cash Balance		128,238	103,656
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Closing Cash Balance	5	133,948	128,238
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# THE COMMERCIAL LAW ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD

## Notes to and Forming Part of the Accounts For the year ended 31 December 2011

### 1. Statement of Accounting Policies

The financial statements are general purpose financial reports that have been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The financial statements have also been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of plant and equipment is depreciated on a diminishing value basis over its useful life to the company commencing from the time the asset is held for use.

#### (b) Inventories

All inventories have been valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value and have been classified as current assets based on expected use.

#### (c) Income Tax

A ruling that The Commercial Law Association of Australia Ltd is exempt from income tax has been received from the Australian Taxation office and consequently income tax has not been provided for in the accounts.

#### (d) Employee Entitlements

As at balance date The Commercial Law Association of Australia had no employees as a result there is not Provision for Employee Benefit provided for in the accounts.

#### (e) Subscription Income

As at balance date the financial accounts of The Commercial Law Association Of Australia required no period adjustments to account for prepaid subscription income.

2. Revenue	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Operating Activities		
Subscriptions	66,324	81,712
Sales of Bulletins, Papers & Binders	0	473
Interest Received	6,260	3,240
Net Income from Functions	50,079	65,212
Other Income	44,868	7,230
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	167,531	157,867
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Total Revenue	167,531	157,867
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### 3. Profit from Activities

Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:

Depreciation of Plant and Equipment	730	919
Auditors Remuneration	4,915	4,973

<b>4. Cash Flow Information</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Reconciliation of cash flows from Operations with Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities after Income Tax:		
Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities after Income Tax	25,973	24,206
Non-cash flows in Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities		
Depreciation	730	919
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Debtors	-21,413	6,649
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	-397	-172
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors & Accruals	1,214	-6,848
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Cash Flow from Operations	6,107	24,754
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<b>5. Cash</b>		
Cash at Bank	23,507	37,748
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<b>Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
Cash at the end of the year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flow is reconciled to items in the Balance Sheet as follows:		
Cash	23,507	37,748
Petty Cash Float	200	200
Investments	110,115	90,290
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	133,822	128,238
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<b>6. Current Assets - Receivables</b>		
Sundry Debtors	47,967	28,157
Credit Card Clearing Account	3,320	2,113
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	51,287	30,270
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<b>7. Current Assets - Investments</b>		
Cash on Deposit	110,115	90,290
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<b>8. Current Assets – Inventories</b>		
Finished Goods	46	46
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<b>9. Current Assets - Other</b>		
Prepayments	3,083	2,686
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<b>10. Plant and Equipment</b>		
Office Furniture and Equipment		
At Cost	7,597	7,597
Accumulated Depreciation	7,133	7,322
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	464	275
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<b>11. Payables</b>		
Trade Creditors	216	8,997
Net GST Liability	-4,030	-4,530
Prepaid Subscriptions	66,648	57,153
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	62,834	61,620
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**THE COMMERCIAL LAW ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD**  
**Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure**  
**As at 31 December 2011**


	2011	2010
	\$	\$
<b>Income:</b>		
Subscriptions	66,324	81,712
Sales Bulletins, Paper & Binders	0	473
Interest Received	6,260	3,240
Net Income from Functions	50,079	65,212
Other Income	44,868	7,230
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>167,531</b>	<b>157,867</b>
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<b>Less: Expenditure:</b>		
Auditors Remuneration	4,915	4,973
Bank Charges	1,644	2,027
Computer Peripherals & Consumables	38	0
Consultancy – Advertising	436	273
Contract Management	73,593	65,259
Credit Card Merchant Fees	1,945	2,078
Depreciation	730	919
Graduate Expenses	225	1,570
Insurance	3,076	3,096
International Law Section	498	127
Internet	3,063	9,688
Office Expense	912	643
Postage	3,685	3,271
Printing and Stationery	3,405	3,714
Prizes	1,017	1,335
<b>Commercial Law Quarterly</b>		
Cost of Production	11,240	11,380
Editorial	5,203	7,930
Distribution	1,185	1,525
Member Retention	2,803	5,341
New Member Exp	0	2,364
Telephone	479	520
Travel	1,563	5,629
<b>JCL Sabah Conference</b>		
Sabah Travel	9,618	0
Sabah Website	2,900	0
Sabah Printing & Stationery	1,155	0
Sabah Function Expenses	1,301	0
Sabah Accomodation	4,929	0
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>141,558</b>	<b>133,661</b>
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<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>25,973</b>	<b>24,206</b>
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<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>25,973</b>	<b>24,206</b>
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**THE COMMERCIAL LAW ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD**  
**Directors' Declaration for the year ended 31 December 2011**

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 4 to 10
  - (a) comply with the accounting standards and the Corporations Act; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2011 and performance for the year ended on that date for the company;
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Directors by:



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STEPHEN LAMY, Director



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JENNY WILLY, Director

Date: 14 March 2012



## **Independent Audit Report**

To the Members of The Commercial Law Association of Australia Ltd:

### **Scope**

We have audited the Financial Report of The Commercial Law Association of Australia Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2011 comprising the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Cash Flow Statement, Notes to the Financial Statements, and the Directors Declaration. The Company's Directors are responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Company.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosure in the financial report and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant account estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### **Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report of The Commercial Law Association of Australia Ltd is in accordance with:

- (a) The Corporations Act, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date, and
  - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations; and
- (b) Other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

PETER W METCALFE  
COURTNEY & CO

# Auditor's Independence Declaration

## Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of The Commercial Law Association of Australia Ltd

In relation to our audit of the financial report of The Commercial Law Association of Australia Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2011, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* or any applicable code of professional conduct.

**Peter Metcalfe**  
*Partner*

Courtney & Co  
Sydney, March 2011