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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Industrial Disease, International & Travel, Personal Injury, Insurance, Clinical Negligence, Inquests, Credit Hire

Cressida's practice encompasses the full range of Chambers' key specialisms, with a particular focus on industrial disease, international and travel, fundamental dishonesty and clinical negligence claims.

Cressida's practice includes advisory, drafting and advocacy work for both Claimants and Defendants. She regularly acts in small claims and fast-track hearings where she is an effective advocate. Cressida is currently instructed in a six-figure profound hearing loss claim and has a particular interest in asbestos litigation, having spent a large proportion of her pupillage working on such cases under the supervision of John-Paul Swoboda.

Cressida has experience of claims brought under the Montreal convention and proceedings for contractual recovery. She also has experience of costs-only fundamental dishonesty proceedings. Cressida is building a clinical negligence practice and has provided written advice in a claim against a cardiologist.

Prior to joining the Bar, Cressida worked as an analyst in an American investment bank and is adept at handling complex issues of quantum.

Cressida is building a reputation as a personable advocate who delivers for her clients.

"This is just a quick note to thank you again for all your work on the advice you provided. I have now read and re-read the advice and marvel at the detail and how you have managed to extract the relevant stuff from so much information."

Cressida is committed to diversity at the Bar and takes part in chambers outreach events. She encourages students from non-fee-paying schools to apply for work experience.

Industrial Disease

Cressida is building her experience in this area by undertaking high-value noise-induced hearing loss ("NIHL") work, involving complex expert evidence and issues of limitation.

During pupillage Cressida worked on cases of mesothelioma, asbestosis, lung cancer and silicosis with her pupil supervisor John-Paul Swoboda. This is an area of law Cressida has long been committed to. Prior to pupillage Cressida shadowed Harry Steinberg QC during the trial of [Hawkes v Warmex \[2018\] EWHC 205 \(QB\)](#).

Cressida is a keen contributor to the [Asbestos law blog](#) and is keen to build her practice in this area.

International & Travel

Cressida has experience of claims under the Montreal convention and worked with a more senior member of chambers to draft an advice on a tour operator's recovery prospects against a supplier. Cressida has also assisted senior members of chambers to draft grounds of appeal concerning the meaning of 'debtor' under s.75 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

Cressida speaks intermediate French and conversational Spanish and is keen to accept instructions pleaded under foreign law and Rome II.

During pupillage Cressida shadowed John-Paul Swoboda during his successful application to exclude the defendant's Belgian law expert evidence in the case of [Mihailovskis v Amlin Insurance SE](#).

Cressida is a regular contributor to Chambers' International and travel blog.

Personal Injury

Cressida regularly appears in stage 3 hearings and fast-track trials where she has successfully dismissed claims arising out of road traffic accidents. She is practical in her approach with a keen eye for detail.

She also has experience of advising on complex issues of disclosure, both in and out of the jurisdiction. She provides regular legal updates on leading decisions, see [here](#).

Insurance

Cressida has experience of claims brought pursuant to the European Communities (Rights Against Insurers) Regulations 2002.

Cressida has undertaken work for senior members of chambers considering the interpretation of the Road Traffic Act 1988, specifically the meaning of "causing and permitting use" under s.143(1)(b) and also the meaning of 'stolen' under Directive 2008/103 EC.

With her investment-banking background, Cressida welcomes instructions on all issues of insurance.

Clinical Negligence

Cressida had advised in a claim against a cardiologist for the treatment of paroxysmal atrial fibrillation involving complex issues of causation.

Cressida is a regular contributor to chamber's clinical negligence blog.

Cressida is keen to develop her practice in this area and is a member of Advocate and AvMA. She is willing to consider pro bono instructions in appropriate cases.

Inquests

Cressida is a member of AvMA and will consider pro bono inquest instructions.

Credit Hire

Cressida has successfully run intervention arguments, defeated assertions that the Claimant was impecunious and in cases of business hire, ensured that only loss of earnings was recoverable. She is capable of handling complex and high-value credit hire claims.

Qualifications & Awards

BPTC – Outstanding

GDL – Commendation

BA English Literature & Language (Dunelm)

Harmsworth Scholarship

BPP Advocacy Scholarship

FCA CISI Exams: Derivatives, Securities, UK Financial Regulations

Appointments & Memberships

PIBA

AVMA