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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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

Cressida's practice encompasses the full range of Chambers' key specialisms, acting for Claimants and Defendants. She successfully acted as Junior counsel (led by Patrick Vincent QC) for the Second Defendant in *Covea Insurance Plc v Greenaway & Others* [2021] 3 WLUK 379, the first case to practically consider how the domestic court is to interpret retained EU law under section 6(3) of the EU Withdrawal Act 2018.

Her practice focuses on all aspects of domestic and international personal injury litigation, including product liability, industrial disease, inquests & clinical negligence. She is experienced in related insurance (including fraud and fundamental dishonesty) and costs matters.

Cressida is an effective advocate successfully appearing in the High Court (led), the Coroner's Court (unled) and in cost-only proceedings (unled). She worked with the leading traumatic brain injury expert Professor William Stewart during an inquest where she successfully questioned experts in pathology, neuropathology, and toxicology.

Prior to coming to the Bar Cressida worked at a top American investment bank. This informs her understanding of the interrelationship between insurance and risk in all aspects of litigation. She handles complex issues of quantum (including pension loss) beyond her year of call.

Her Articles and commentary are regularly published by Lexis PSL and the Travel Law Quarterly.

Publications

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)—FCA non-damage business interruption insurance test case](#) (Lexis PSL: James Beeton & Cressida Mawdesley-Thomas)
- [The Vaccine Damages Payments Act 1979 and the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine](#) (Lexis PSL: Elizabeth Boulden & Cressida Mawdesley-Thomas)
- [Insolvent Airlines and Tour Operators: An Alternative route to Damages](#) [2021] TLQ 56, available here: <https://www.travellawquarterly.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-mawdesley-thomas-on-s75-final-wpn-56-59.pdf>
- [The whiplash reforms—key features and practical implications of the 'new protocol'](#) (Lexis PSL: Cressida Mawdesley-Thomas)