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Special Counsel Clare Hennessey examines the Privy Council’s landmark judgment in *Credit Suisse Life (Bermuda) Ltd v Bidzina Ivanishvili & Ors* in an article for *The Law Society Gazette*.

Clare explores the Privy Council’s important clarification on the test for fraudulent misrepresentation, confirming that claimants need not be consciously aware of a representation to succeed in a deceit claim. She explains how this decision overturns established English authority, including *Raiffeisen* and subsequent cases, and analyses its implications for future misrepresentation claims and fraud litigation in the UK.

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