What Are Unclean Hands?



"[A] plaintiff must come into court with clean hands, and keep them clean, or he will be denied relief, regardless of the merits of his claim."

Kendall-Jackson Winery, Ltd. v. Superior Court (1999) 90 Cal.Rptr.2d 743, 748 (citing Precision Co. v. Automotive Co. (1945) 324 U.S. 806, 814–15); Hall v. Wright (9th Cir. 1957) 240 F.2d 787, 794–795