

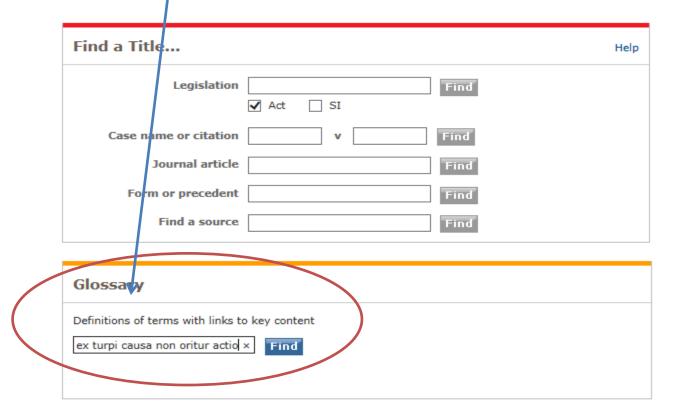
# Truman Bodden Law School Library

# LIBRARY TIP OF THE WEEK

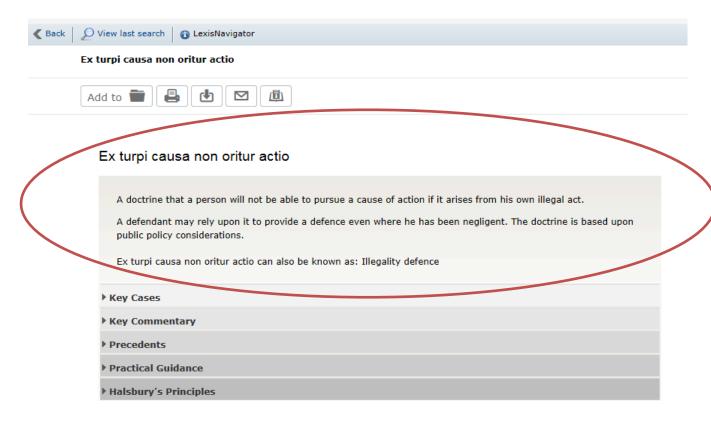
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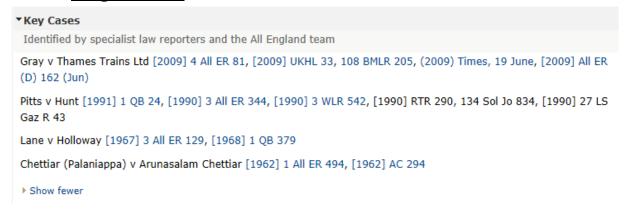


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# 1. Key Cases



# 2. Key Commentary

## ▼Key Commentary

Expert definitions from leading Butterworths commentaries (including Halsbury's Laws of England)

## Halsbury's Laws of England

Illegality and ex turpi causa, 97 (5th), 467

## Atkin's Court Forms

Vol 38 (1) Torts Para 124 Illegality

## 3. Precedents

### ▼Precedents

Hand picked by our specialist precedents teams (including Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents)

#### Atkin's Court Forms

Vol 38 (1) Torts Form 129 DEFENCE: plea of illegality (ex turpi causa)

# 4. Practical Guidance

## ▼ Practical Guidance

Lexis@PSL practice notes selected by our expert team

See Lexis PSL Personal Injury practice notes:

Was the claimant involved in an illegal activity?

Defences in road traffic accidents

# 5. Halsbury's Principles

## ▼ Halsbury's Principles

Expert definitions from Halsbury's Laws of England

The court may refuse to entertain a claim which would be in breach of public policy, as expressed by the maxim ex turpi causa non oritur actio.

The policy is based on a group of reasons which vary in different circumstances. Thus, for example, a person participating in a criminal enterprise may be barred from recovery in respect of harm resulting directly from the illegal activity. (Examples include an accident suffered in a getaway car, and injury as a result of the encouragement of grossly dangerous motor cycling.)

The fact that the claimant is a trespasser does not bar recovery. Likewise, in the case of suicide as a result of tortiously-caused depression, the maxim would not provide a defence where there has been a breach of a duty of care. TORT 97 (5th), 467

# 6. Key Legislations, Key Texts, Indexes, etc.

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