

Impair rule may sometimes operate very harshly towards plaintiff

## Relaxation of 1 Par Delictum Rule

The underlying thought behind 1 par delictum rule is that if party who has acted disgracefully by executing & performance should not be allowed to recover such performance. Thus where a party to an unlawful contract has performed but his/her performance is not disgraceful / he, she can recover & which he/she has performed from other party. 1 par delictum rule is applied as a general rule to which an exception must be made whenever "simple justice between man demands it"

## STUDY UNIT 4

### THE OBLIGATIONS OF 1 LESSOR

When a contract of lease is concluded, 1 parties are bound by those obligations which they have expressly or impliedly undertaken or which 1 law imposes upon them in 1 absence of such express implied agreement

Lessor is obliged : (1) to make available or deliver use or enjoyment of 1 property (2) to refrain from disturbing 1 lessee's use & enjoyment of 1 property (3) to place & maintain 1 property in condition agreed upon (4) To warrant against eviction

If 1 lessor fails to fulfil one of 1 above - breach of contract

Failure to deliver - Mora Debitoris

Delivery of defective performance - positive malperformance

Delivery to someone other than 1 contracted lessee - Repudiation

Failure to prevent eviction - positive malperformance

## STUDY UNIT 5

### THE LESSOR MUST DELIVER 1 THING

1) Lessor must deliver 1 thing

#### VACUO POSSESSION

Lessor must deliver 1 thing @ 1 agreed time & place

Lessor must make 1 thing available to 1 lessee.

Delivery must be such that 1 lessee obtains

VACUO POSSESSION (undisturbed possession) of 1 thing.

Lessor must ensure that subject to an agreement to contrary no one will lawfully or unlawfully interfere with 1 lessee's

\* exercise of full & undisturbed use & enjoyment  
of 1 thing.

- Lessor must deliver everything for 1 thing let  
✓ to function properly

WHO IS 1 LESSEE WHERE 1 LESSOR LETS 1 SAME OBJECT TO 2 DIFFERENT PARTIES, BUT ESTABLISHES NEITHER IN POSSESSION OF 1 OBJECT?

See Study Guide 19

### LESSEE'S REMEDIES

Cancellation  
specific performance

If Lessor fails to deliver 1 thing, breach of contract  
ie mora debitoris if 1 contract tacitly or  
expressly prescribes cancellation or a notice of  
rescission has been given. Normal remedy  
of cancellation is available

specific performance

If the property let is unfit for the purpose for which it was let, lessee may cancel the contract; Action of specific performance also available.

positive  
malperformance

If the property is delivered on the due date but it is defective - positive malperformance  
lessee can recover his loss provided it was foreseeable by means of action for damages.  
applies to the ffg example

lessee

A rents guest house from B lessor



finds ±  
two rooms  
incomplete



From B lessor

\* A can claim the loss of profit for the 2 incomplete rooms during the period in which they are being completed  
if the parties agreed delivery of the property on the due date in proper condition

\* If it was agreed the lessor needed more time to complete the premises & the lessee will pay rent in event → lessee has no claim