MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 12-129 Docket No. Fra-12-135

HELMUT MEHLHORN

v.

CHRISTIANE FOLKE

Submitted on Briefs October 10, 2012 Decided October 25, 2012

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD, and JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Helmut Mehlhorn appeals from a civil judgment entered by the Superior Court following a bench trial (Franklin County, *Murphy*, *J*.) denying his request for an order compelling Christiane Folke to re-convey certain real property to him. Contrary to Mehlhorn's contention, the court did not abuse its discretion in declining to order Folke to re-convey the property to him. *See Hamm v. Hamm*, 584 A.2d 59, 62 (Me. 1990) (stating that a trial court's application of the clean hands doctrine is "within [its] sound discretion"). On this record, the trial court did not abuse its discretion in denying the requested relief.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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