

Fraud - "Fraud avoids all judicial acts, ecclesiastical or temporal" - It is the settled proposition of law that a judgment or decree obtained by playing fraud on the court is a nullity and non est in the eyes of law. Such a judgment/decree - by the first court or by the highest court - has to be treated as a nullity by every court, whether superior or inferior. It can be challenged in any court even in collateral proceedings.

[1993 PLRonline 0002 , \(1995-1\)109 PLR 293 \(SC\)](#)

[S. P. Chengalvaraya Naidu v. Jagannath, 1993 PLRonline 0002 , \(1995-1\)109 PLR 293 \(SC\)](#)