



CCCL and JERI Seminar: Meeting Chinese Judges: Courts, Adjudicators, and Judicial Life (14 Oct 2022)

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Since 2009, the School of Law of the City University of Hong Kong, the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China, and the National Judges College have jointly organized judicial education programs for Chinese judges. Towards the middle of the semester in 2022, the Centre for Judicial Education and Research cum Identification of Hong Kong Law (JERI) and the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law Studies (CCCL) of the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong invited five graduating students from the programs to be speakers in the academic seminar on October 14, 2022, so that participants could learn more about the courts, judges and judicial system in Mainland China from the perspective of adjudicators. The seminar was hosted at the Shaw Creative Media Center, M3017, City University of Hong Kong.

Professor Wang Jiangyu, Director of the Center for Chinese Law and Comparative Law, was invited to deliver a welcome speech, and then, to allow attendees know more about the five judges, Professor Lin Feng, Director of the Centre for Judicial Education and Research cum Identification of Hong Kong Law, was invited to provide a brief introduction to the five judges.

The five invited speakers were **Judge Wang Di**, President of the People's Court of Shanxi Transformation Comprehensive Reform Demonstration Zone, **Judge Liu Yi**, Deputy Chief Judge of the First Division of Trial Supervision, Yunnan Higher People's Court, **Judge Hou Jun**, President of the Case Filing Division, Beijing Third Intermediate People's Court, **Judge Chen Dongqiang**, Vice President of the Civil Division No. 1 of Shandong Provincial High People's Court, and **Judge Zhu Wenbin**, Fourth Grade Senior Judge of Guangzhou Intellectual Property Court.

Judge Wang Di explained the concept, nature, distinction, and interrelationship between judicial power and enforcement power, and finally explained the history of enforcement agencies and the current mode of operation of the enforcement system of the courts in Mainland China. **Judge Liu Yi** shared the problems and achievements of Chinese criminal justice, using the case of Sun Xiaoguo as an example. She first introduced the problems and achievements of the case, and then explained in detail the "catalyst", including the problems of reporting, ruling, and failure of prosecution in the chain of the commutation process. She concluded with the progress of criminal justice in recent years. **Judge Hou Jun** explained the background and system design of

the streamlining mechanism. She then explained specific examples of practice, including online and offline simultaneous trials of securities misrepresentation disputes, and finally emphasized that "trial work has changed from a case waiting for people to a case waiting for people", which shows that the streamlining has been effective. **Judge Chen Dongqiang** gave a presentation on "A Summary of the Work on Unifying the Application of Law Standards - From the Perspective of a Civil Trial Judge in Shandong". He gave a brief introduction about "The Implementation Measures of the Supreme People's Court on Improving the Positioning of the Trial Level of Courts at Four Levels", which came into effect on October 1, 2021. He emphasized that the standards had adjuted the functions of civil trial courts. The last speaker was **Judge Zhu Wenbin**, who spoke on the topic of "Judicial Review Paradigm of Unfair Competition". He pointed out that the attempt to introduce consumer interests and social public interests into the judicial review paradigm of unfair competition is still at the exploratory stage in China's judicial practice, but there are still relatively few cases. He believed that China could refer to overseas research results, especially the value objectives of anti-competitive law, the trend changes of interest protection, effective competition, and economic analysis of competition law, but at the same time, conduct further extensive research based on the national situation and the current legal system.

The seminar ended with the closing remark by **Professor Lin Feng** who again thanked all the participants for their active participation and valuable comments made during the seminar. Overall, the seminar gathered valuable opinions from Chinese judges on the rule of law in China, and was not only fruitful but also laid the foundation for a seminar series in which Chinese judges from laws programs will represent the main actors in the future.



Judge Wang Di, and Judge Liu Yi.



Judge Chen Dongqiang and Judge Zhu Wnbin.



Judge Hou Jun and the participants.



Professor Lin Feng and Professor Wang Jianguyu.