China Legal Knowledge

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Key Stats

- **Archive:** 1949-present
- **Language:** Chinese with English interface
- **Country:** China
- **Frequency:** Daily updates; newly enacted laws available within 48 hours
- **Format:** Full text, PDF or HTML
- **Producer:** Tongfang Knowledge Network Ltd.
- **Platform:** CNKI (TKN)

CLKD Content

CLKD offers primary and secondary sources that cover various legal topics.

CLKD-Laws and Regulations: Over 1.6 million articles since 1949; Covers laws, administrative, departmental, and local government regulations, judicial interpretations, industrial rules, and International treaties, etc.

CLKD-Cases: Over 77 million case records since 1949; includes judicial documents released by national courts and case reviews by experts. Covers civil economic disputes, intellectual property right disputes, admiralty and maritime commerce disputes, criminal offence disputes, administrative reconsideration, cases of administrative execution, cases of judicial expertise, etc.

CLKD-Literary Papers: Over 3.7 million articles since 1953; sources include:

- Law journals: 200+, with law papers from 6,000+ journals

- Core journals: 28
- Monograph series: 50+
- Communiques: 100+
- Exclusive authorized journals: 10+
- Central comprehensive newspapers: 8
- Central industry newspapers: 130+
- Legal newspapers: 20+
- Local newspapers: 430+
- Qualified doctoral degree-granting organizations: 100+
- Qualified master’s degree-granting organizations: 340+

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- Jurisprudence and History of Law
- Constitution
- Administrative Law
- Civil and Commercial Law
- Economic Law
- Environment and Resources Protection Law
- Criminal Law
- Criminology
- Litigation Law
- Judicial Administrative System
- International Law
- National Security and Military Law
- Generalization of Law
- Knowledge Database of Public Security

CLKD Features and Functions

CLKD features official sources and comprehensive resource types:

- **Laws and Regulations:** Strict criteria for selection, items are searchable, and each has its own CNKI Knowledge Network Node.
- **Cases:** Find typical cases within legal context. Cases are reviewed by experts, provide more reference value than a judgment document.
- **Literary Papers:** Papers are fully retrospective and updated in a timely manner, all core journals are included.
- **Navigation:** Navigate by categories and subjects or by specific resources including journals, doctoral dissertations, master’s

theses, conference proceedings, sponsors, and newspapers.

- **Search:** Cross-search all materials, or conduct basic, advanced and professional search by papers, cases, and laws. Search multiple fields including title, author, author's institution, source, keyword, abstract, full text, subject, reference, and China Library Classification (CLC) code. Sort results by authority, nature of case, issue, court, citation frequency, and more.
- **Knowledge networks:** CNKI's Knowledge Network Node supports comparative analysis, and deeper research by connecting laws and regulations, cases, and papers together, via links to related documents, bibliographies, references, and treaties. In addition, CLKD offers users a panoramic research background with a three-in-one display of related papers, laws and regulations, and cases.
- **Language resources:** Interface features transitive verb and noun interpretation.