

## **An Introduction to Wu Peilin “Civil Disputes and Legal Order in Counties in Qing Dynasty”**

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### **Abstract**

In recent years, Chinese legal historians have been discussing the topic of civil disputes and its solution in the Qing Dynasty. The availability of county archives contributed a lot to the research on the topic. Wu Peilin’s “Civil Disputes and Legal Order in Counties in Qing Dynasty” is one of the outstanding works which focus on this field. The book firstly reviews the development of the research on legal history in Qing Dynasty, and introduces the situation of the arrangement of important county archives. Then the book discusses the actual state of civil litigation and its details among counties in Qing Dynasty. At last, professor Wu summarizes the counties officers’ aim and thinking in dealing with civil procedure. The book holds the opinion that the county officers care the most about the recovery of social order.

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