

**Researches of the Legal History in Qing  
— Dynasty in the Past Three Decades:  
Focused on the Local Legal History  
in Mainland China**

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**Abstract**

Notable changes have taken place on the collation of data, selection of topics, and the use of research approaches of the legal history, especially that of the local history in Qing Dynasty in the past three decades. Scholars have gradually shifted from the single perspective of institutions to official and folk data such as files, inscriptions, genealogy and contracts, and these documents, especially those of judicial files from Chous and Counties in Qing Dynasty which have been opened up and published successively, have triggered a historical data “revolution”, which has broadened the field of the traditional law history, promoted innovative research approaches, and broken many limitations of the previous researches, so that the topics have changed from the previous macro and general ones to the micro and specific ones. Overall, there are still a lot of regrets left.

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