

A Latest Article on Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in PRC (Mainland China)

Alongside the intensifying global efforts (the Judgments Project, HCCH) devoted to inter-country recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, a new stage has been witnessed of China's positive treatment of foreign judgments ie China starts to reciprocate, following foreign courts' initiative of recognizing and enforcing Chinese judgments. Dr. Wenliang Zhang, from the Law School of Renmin U, reflects on this new encouraging development and has just published a timely article in the latest issue of *Chinese Journal of International Law* (OUP) titled "Sino-Foreign Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments: A Promising "Follow-Suit" Model?".

"Abstract: Due to the upsurge in cross-border transaction, the movement of judgments between jurisdictions has become a hot topic. Unfortunately, China's legislation and practice in this area has long lagged behind that of other countries, though China is not the only party to blame for the lack of a favourable Sino-foreign recognition mechanism. Encouragingly, in recent years some foreign courts have taken the initiative to recognize Chinese judgments, which Chinese courts have then responded to positively, forming a "follow-suit" circle in practice. A new opportunity has thus arrived for promoting Sino-foreign judgment recognition, and both Chinese and foreign courts should seize it, as it appears to be the most efficient and practical among possible solutions, including future domestic legislation or international treaties".

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