

1 Introduction to IP and Anti-Monopoly Legislation and Practice in China

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This introductory chapter discusses how there has been a transformation within China's Intellectual Property (IP) law enforcement as well as numerous other IP-related regulations. In addition, other more general laws have been amended or are under reform with important implications for global IP enforcement. The civil procedure law was also recently amended, with potentially important repercussions for IP rights holders, particularly in terms of provisional measures for trade secrets. Furthermore, since law enforcement responsibilities of trademark and patent shall also be borne by the comprehensive legal enforcement team of the State Administration for Market Regulation, the chapter argues that it would be more efficient for IP-related and competition-related legislation and enforcement to go hand in hand in the future.

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