# A Brief Comparison of Major Chinese Law Databases (Available from law databases page)

| Database | pkulaw.cn (北大法宝)  
en.pkulaw.cn | Westlaw China 万律  
(merged with iSinoLaw from 14 Feb 2012) | LexisNexis China Online  
律商網 | PrimeLaw |
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| **Scope & Major Content** | - Laws & Regulations from the PRC since 1949  
- Cases  
- Journals (195 journals in Chinese & 8 in English)  
- White Papers  
- Tax Treaties  
- Practice Areas  
- Videos  
- Legal News  
- Criminal Law  
- Documents by people’s procuratorates | - Laws & Regulations from the PRC since 1949  
- Full case judgments (in Chinese only)  
- Case headnotes  
- Legal Topics  
- Journals & Books (8 journals and 2 books in Chinese & 4 journals and 6 books in English)  
- Model Contracts, Articles, Current Awareness, Practice Areas, Legal Glossary, Topical Laws | - Laws & regulations from the PRC since 1949  
- Cases (Written judgments, Case summary)  
- Expert Analysis (Newsletters, Articles, Q&A)  
- Practical Materials, Legal News  
- Practice Modules: Corporate, Employment, Energy, Investment, IP & Tax | - Laws & regulations from the PRC since 1949, and all ordinances of Hong Kong  
- Hong Kong court decisions from 1877-present  
- 238 cases decided by the UK Privy Council, and 100,000 UK court judgments  
- More than 60 ebooks covering a broad range of topics in China  
- Three journals – Tan Pan, ChinaTaxIntelligence, and China Staff  
- Trackers on legal and tax updates |
| **Features** | - Provides links to relevant information on laws and regulations  
- Provides the enactment history of laws and regulations  
- The content of Chinese site and English site is different, ie less translated content | - Provides links to relevant information on laws and regulations  
- Status icons for laws and regulations  
- Case headnotes with links to legal issues and full case in Chinese  
- Articles written by lawyers | - Provides links to relevant information on laws and regulations with graphical presentation  
- Provides the comparison version of new and previous versions of laws & regulations  
- Articles written by lawyers | - Provides Hong Kong Company Law Cases - the largest volume of reported cases focused solely on Company Law  
- Highly popular journal on negotiation, Tan Pan, is now online |
| **Major Strengths** | - Comprehensive coverage of laws and regulations, judicial interpretations  
- With the English translation of the Guiding Cases | - Comprehensive coverage of business and commercial primary and secondary legal materials  
- Frequent updates of Current Awareness content | - Comprehensive coverage of business and commercial law materials arranged by subjects | - Cases are updated twice every day  
- Both English and Chinese versions of current and past legislations are available |
| **Email Alerts/ RSS Feeds** | Free weekly email newsletter with legal news, and email alerts on the latest laws & regulations | Current Awareness categories - Laws & Regulations, Cases, Articles, and News, are updated several times per day | Email alert services for each practice Module, and email subscription to China Legal review, Tax Special Weekly and Employment Special | Email alert services on legislation, cases, commentaries, journals, and legal news (New Trackers) |
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<td>Major Content</td>
<td>- Laws &amp; Regulations from the PRC since 1949 - Cases - Contract Precedents - WTO Documents - Judicial Statistics - Index to PRC and international legal works - Legal News - English translation to selected laws and regulations, and contract precedents</td>
<td>- Laws &amp; Regulations from the PRC - Cases from 1979 to Present - Dissertations and papers from 1979 to Present</td>
<td>197 law related journals under Politics, Military &amp; Law category (政治军事与法律专辑)</td>
<td>Major sub-databases include: - PRC Laws and Regulations (中國法律法規庫) - PRC Economic News (中國經濟新聞庫) - PRC Statistics (中國統計資料庫) - PRC Business Reports (中國商業報告庫) - PRC Listing Companies News (中國上市公司文獻庫)</td>
<td>- Index &amp; selected full text of Taiwan and PRC law journals - Index to Taiwan and PRC dissertations - Taiwan’s frequently used laws and regulations - Taiwan’s Cases - Law dictionary</td>
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<td>Features</td>
<td>- Provides links to relevant information on laws and regulations - Provides a separate category on financial laws and regulations</td>
<td>- Provides links to relevant information on laws and regulations from other CNKI databases, such as Master Degree Dissertation Database (中國優秀碩士學位論文全文數據庫), PhD Dissertation Database (中國博士學位論文全文數據庫)</td>
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<td>- Daily news for 40 different industries - Laws &amp; Regulations can be searched by industries</td>
<td>- Includes Taiwan TSSCI core journals and PRC CSSCI core journals - Provides content of the latest issue of selected Taiwan journals for easy browsing</td>
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<td>Major Strengths</td>
<td>- The most comprehensive coverage of PRC cases compared with other PRC legal databases - Comprehensive coverage of contract precedents</td>
<td>- Provide cross search on related laws &amp; regulations, cases and dissertation and papers in CNKI databases</td>
<td>- Comprehensive coverage of PRC law journals</td>
<td>- Comprehensive and up-to-date statistics data for PRC - Wide coverage of PRC economic and business news</td>
<td>- Comprehensive coverage of Taiwan’s journal articles and case law</td>
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<td>Current Awareness Service</td>
<td>RSS Feeds for latest laws &amp; regulations, and cases</td>
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<td>Monthly hot topics (中國資訊行熱點專題)</td>
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<th>China Law Express Online 威科先行•法律信息库</th>
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<td>Features</td>
<td>- Provides the number of being cited of the dissertation and the information of the materials which cited that dissertation  - Provides Export function to various bibliographic management tools, such as RefWorks, EndNote etc.</td>
<td>Arbitration materials are arranged by subject, such as arbitration on construction, intellectual property, investment, real property, sports etc.</td>
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<td>- Comprehensive coverage of dissertations on legal topics from PRC master degree candidates</td>
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