

The Contact of the Legal Professionals During the Compilation Process of the Complete Law Dictionary in the Early 1930s

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Abstract

The Complete Law Dictionary compiled by Wang Han-zhang is the best production among the law dictionaries from the late Qing dynasty to the early Republican era. During the compiling and publishing process, many distinctive legal professionals involved in it. After examine these legal professionals, the major relationships and associations among the legal professionals in the early 1930s could be traced and categorised as following: firstly, the traditional contact based on townsmen (for example: Min Hou county in Fu Jian province, Wu Jin county in Jiang Su province); secondly: the colleagues' relationships which could be interpreted as the interim between the traditional contact and the modern contact.(for example, the members of the law faculty department in universities or colleagues in the Ministry of Justice), thirdly, the modern social associations (such as the Law Society in Shanghai). Apart from that, the prosperous of the legal professionals in Shanghai was partly due to the legal professionals previously worked in Beijing whom moved to Shanghai.

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