

The Legal Life of Juikuang Yao

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to record and evaluate the legal career of Mr. Juikuang Yao. The source of information is from the interview between me and Mr. Yao, and also Mr. Yao's autobiography of *The Seventy Years of My Legal Life*. In his seventy years of legal life, he was both a general and distinguished man. He did not write a single famous law work in his lifetime, and also did not have the legislative power. He was just a guardian of the rule of law. Nevertheless, he was really a participant and witness of the progress of law in the recent hundred years. From Mr. Yao's legal life, we can see the process of the reform in legal system, the faith on the rule of law, and the hardness on this road. In the light of such kind of endeavor, the legal system was more and more complete.

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