

# China's Emerging Intellectual Property Edge: *Challenges and Opportunities*

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## Organization

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- “Study Session” on Donald J. Trump Thought
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# First - Underlying Principles

- Never before had IP been the prime instigator in a major global trade war.
- Or was the war about:
  - Trade deficits
  - National security/emerging powers
  - Competition
- Why now? Long overdue? Just in time?
- If IP was the cause...the Chinese IP regime has improved remarkably in the last 10 years
  - Three Myths (Dan Prud'homme/HBR)
    - State-sponsored IP Theft is Ubiquitous
    - China's IP Regime is Categorically Weaker and Less Business Friendly
    - China is not a liberal democracy; its Institutions Will Never Respect IP

*How has the Chinese IP System Gotten Better? Is it "categorically weaker" and less "business friendly" than the US?*

## PATENT WIN RATES

**Table 5: Case Outcomes by Litigant Type**

		Defendant					
		Foreign		Domestic Private		Domestic State-Owned	
		Infringement Found	No Infringement	Infringement Found	No Infringement	Infringement Found	No Infringement
Plaintiff	Foreign	Infringement Found	80% (4)		70% (31)	-	
		No Infringement	20% (1)		31% (13)	-	
	Domestic Private	Infringement Found	67% (16)		57% (224)	27% (3)	
		No Infringement	33% (8)		43% (168)	73% (11)	
	Domestic State-Owned	Infringement Found	-		100% (1)	-	
		No Infringement	-		-	-	

**Table 23: Case Results, by Residency of Plaintiff**

	Decisions	Infringed	Injunction	Avg. Damages
Total	1,663 (100%)	1,333 (80.16%)	1,203 (90.25%)	¥75,942.39 (\$12,368.47) <sup>119</sup>
Foreign P.	115 (6.92%)	97 (84.35%)	90 (92.78%)	¥201,620.45 (\$32,837.21)
Domestic P.	1,548 (93.08%)	1,236 (79.84%)	1,113 (90.05%)	¥66,217.93 (\$10,784.68) <sup>120</sup>

Sources: Brian Love (2016), Bian Renjun (2018).



Table 3: Comparison of win rates for selected foreign software copyright plaintiffs  
(1<sup>st</sup> instance, 2010-2019, N= 271)

Company Name	Cases	Wins	Win rate
Rhino Software Company	113	83	73.5%
Alt-N Technologies	67	58	86.6%
Microsoft Corporation	63	63	100.0%

Company Name	Cases	Wins	Win rate
Siemens Product Lifecycle Management Software Inc	12	12	100.0%
Autodesk, Inc	10	10	100.0%
Dassault Systèmes	6	6	100.0%

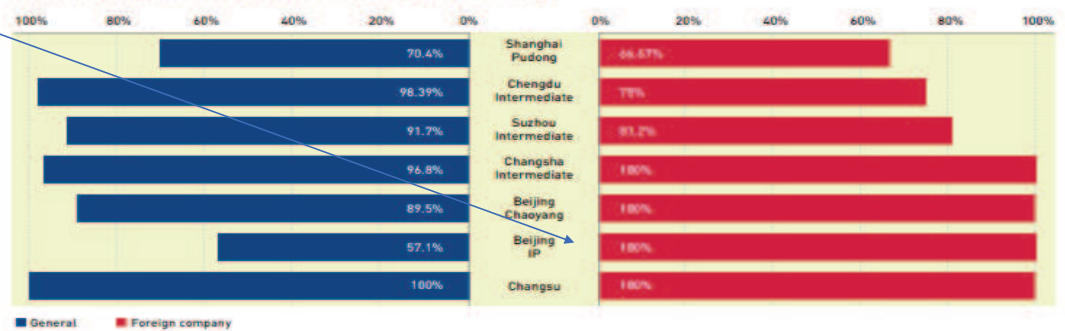
## Other Win Rates (non-patent)

"In 2015 (the most recent year that complete data is available) Plaintiffs in Civil IP infringement cases [at the Beijing IP court] won 72.34% of their cases, while the success rate for foreign plaintiffs was 100% across a total of **63 civil cases**, prompting foreign firms to reevaluate their prospects in China's civil IP litigation environment." (Goldberg)

## Trademarks

Sources: Bailey and Clark (2020),  
Goldberg (2017), Xia (2020) .

FIGURE 7: Comparison of foreign plaintiffs' chances of winning – 2019



Validity rates per technology field (2015-2019)  
First instance, CNIPA PRB

## 40% v. 9% Validity Rates - Pharmaceuticals



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