

## A NEW ERA OF DISTRICT COURT'S JURISDICTION FOR 2019

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Trust everyone is having a head start for the new year!

Civil jurisdiction of the District Court has since 3 December 2018 been increased from HK\$1 million threefolds to HK\$3 million.



Specialising in civil/commercial advising, litigation and dispute resolution practices, we have taken a moment on the District Court Civil Actions' statistics. Herewith an extract table on certain civil actions going through the District Court in the last few years:

CASELOAD OF THE DISTRICT COURT	2018(to 30 Sep)	2017	2016	2015	2014
Civil	4385	5815	6269	5950	5090
Employee's Compensation	2261	2939	2929	2799	2744
Other civil cases *	5225	6515	6760	6354	6420
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>11871</b>	<b>15269</b>	<b>15958</b>	<b>15103</b>	<b>14254</b>

\* Other civil cases include Miscellaneous Proceedings, Stamp Duty (Ordinance) Appeals, Equal Opportunities Actions, Personal Injuries Cases, Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Appeals, Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Appeals, Estate Agents Appeals and Stop Notice Cases (a new case type created to capture stop notice cases with effect from 3 September 2018)  
(Data from Hong Kong Judiciary)

With the implementation of the Belt Road initiatives, the development of the Big Bay economic zone, amidst the negative sentiments brought by the Sino-US trade war, the volume and complexities of economic activities and commercial transactions could still see structural growth in times to come, hence the likely greater needs for tactful, timely and affordable legal services and support.

In this 21<sup>st</sup> years of the firm's being, partners of the firm have already come to consensus to bring the firm's good services to a wider spectrum of corporate clients by introducing the brand new Corporate Annual Retainer Schemes ("CARS").

We shall be sending out details of CARS through various channels in due course. Enquiries are also most welcome through private messages, email to cars@wmc-laws.com or whatsapp to our CARS hotline: (852) 9103-9468.



In full anticipation of walking through a more exciting and more fulfilling 2019 with you All!

## 2019年 - 區域法院民事司法管轄權的新時代

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相信大家都有個先聲奪人的新一年！

自二零一八年十二月三日起，區域法院的民事司法管轄權已經由一百萬港元增加三倍至三百萬港元。



我行一向專注於為民事/商務範疇提供法律諮詢、訴訟和解決爭議。也趁年初花了一點時間了解地方法院民事訴訟近年的一些統計數據。以下是過去幾年通過地區法院的某些民事訴訟的摘要表：

區域法院的案量	2018 (截至9月30日)	2017	2016	2015	2014
民事	4385	5815	6269	5950	5090
僱員補償申索	2261	2939	2929	2799	2744
其他民事*	5225	6515	6760	6354	6420
小計	<b>11871</b>	<b>15269</b>	<b>15958</b>	<b>15103</b>	<b>14254</b>

\*其他民事案件包括雜項程序、印花稅(條例)上訴案、平等機會訴訟、人身傷害案件、職業性失聰(補償)上訴案、肺塵埃沉着病(補償)上訴案、地產代理上訴案及停止通知書案件(由二零一八年九月三日起新增的案件類別，涵括停止通知書類型的案件)(數據來自香港司法機構的網站)

隨著“一帶一路”倡議的實施，大灣經濟區的發展，雖然在中美貿易戰帶來的負面情緒中，相信經濟活動和商業交易的數量和複雜性仍可能在未來的時間內看到結構性增長。因此亦會對於有效、適時及可負擔的法律服務及支持的需求會更大。

在我行成立的第21個年頭，各合夥人已經達成共識，通過推出全新的企業年度法律服務計劃("CARS")，將公司的優質服務帶給更廣泛的企業客戶。

我行將在適當的時候通過各媒體渠道發送CARS的詳細信息，敬希留意。如有查詢，也歡迎私信、電郵至cars@wmc-laws.com或上傳訊息至我行的CARS熱線：(852) 9103-9468。



充分期待與大家一起走過更緊扣、更充實的2019年！