



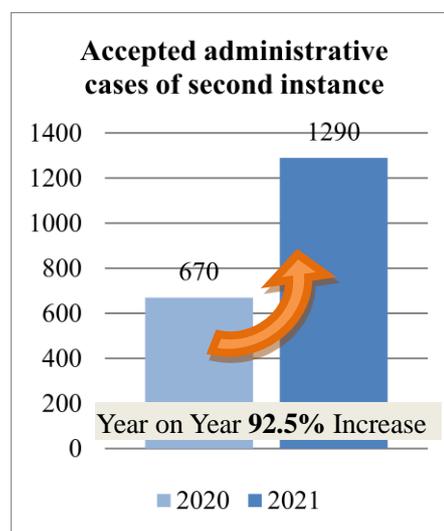
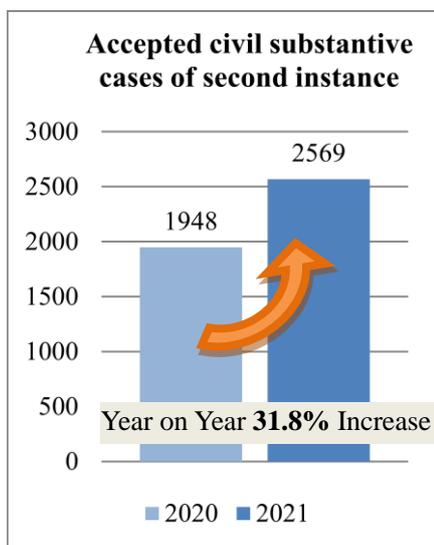
## IP Guide



### The Intellectual Property Court of the Supreme People's Court Released 2021 Annual Report

In the end of February, the Intellectual Property Court of the Supreme People's Court released 2021 Annual Report which summaries the content of cases data, cases concluded per judge, average trial period, etc. This article focuses on the characteristics of Intellectual Property cases.

**Firstly, a continuous growth in the amount of civil substantive cases and administrative cases,** which fully reflects the strong demand for judicial protection of Intellectual Property Rights by scientific and technological development.



**Secondly, cases involving the frontier of the technical field are expanding.** New types of disputes have emerged as more than 1/4 cases is related to the strategic entering industries, such as new generation of information technology, biomedicine, high-end equipment manufacturing, energy conservation and environmental protection, new material, new energy. Moreover, the significant acceleration in the growth rate shows that the cases heard by the court resonates with China's scientific and technological innovation practice, which provides effective service guarantee for technological innovation in key core technologies and key fields.

**Thirdly, litigation involving foreign parties becomes more prominent.** The amount of accepted cases involving foreign parties continues to grow rapidly, and some domestic litigation is intertwined with foreign litigation. As a strategic resource for national development and a core factor of international competitiveness, the role of Intellectual Property Rights has become more significant.

**Last, courts of cases accepted are more diverse.** Most cases are concentrated in the area of economically developed and industrial cluster, and more than half of accepted cases are from three IP courts in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou; however, some Central and West regions, such as Zhengzhou, Chengdu and Wuhan, saw a rapid increase in the amount of cases. The amount of related cases and cases requiring accurately grasp of multilevel value orientation heard by local courts has increased significantly, and it is increasingly significant and urgent to strengthen policy guidance and work coordination across the country.

Source: Translated from the SPC's Intellectual Property Court

## **Notice on the CNIPA's Adjustment to the Issuance of Patent Certificates Matters for E-applications (Notice No.472)**

From March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 (inclusive), the CNIPA is no longer receiving request for a hard copy certificate for e-applications, relevant patent certificates only issue on the patent e-filing site (Chinese website: <http://cponline.cnipa.gov.cn>). The authenticity of electronic patent certificate can be verified through patent e-filing site.

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