

**Developments in the Law in 2012:
Civil Procedure Law and the Family Proceedings Act**

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Abstract

June 1, 2011 saw the implementation of the Family Proceedings Act, which followed reforms to the Code of Civil Procedure and which was based upon the past thirty years of development of legal theories in the field of civil procedure law in Taiwan. It has been seen as a milestone of the civil procedure system in Taiwan. The goals of the Act are to respect the parties as the subjects of proceedings, to strengthen procedural guarantees, to protect procedural interests, and to resolve related disputes in one proceeding.

This article will discuss how new regulations are applied by the courts, particularly concerning the transition from mediation proceedings to non-contentious proceedings, as well as a party's standing to bring a suit in some contentious family cases, and the relationship between suit for disavowal of paternity and paternity action.

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