

**DISTRICT COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1999**

**Law Society Comments on queries raised by the Bills Committee:**

**The Law Society has the following comments on the queries raised by the Bills Committee:**

**a)Agreements as to jurisdiction**

The Law Society is aware of the proposal that in certain circumstances, the District Court would have unlimited jurisdiction to determine the case when *both parties agree*. If the parties elect to have thier case dealt with in the District Court because it is cheaper and the rules less onerous why should they not be permitted to do so?

**b)Counterclaims: transfer of proceedings and jurisdiction**

There appears to be a mistake in the drafting of this section. There should be a provision which allows a counterclaim exceeding the jurisdiction of the District Court to be dealt with by the District Court.

**The Law Society of Hong Kong  
Civil Litigation Committee  
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