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Book Review of
A Sword and a Shield
China’s Human Rights Lawyers

Few topics rival the importance of defending basic human rights, especially for the people of China, whose rulers consistently stand among the most blatant rights violators.

So a new book, A Sword and a Shield: China’s Human Rights Lawyers (edited by Stacy Moshier and Patrick Poon, 2009), deserves a careful look. It’s the first book published by the China Human Rights Lawyers Concern Group (CHRLCG) and may be the first book to focus on issues relating to China’s human rights lawyers.

Thoughtful and analytical sections in the book come from prominent lawyers and legal scholars based in Hong Kong, the Chinese mainland, Taiwan, and the United States. The topics include:

-- rising harassment of human-rights lawyers and legal activists
-- restrictions on legal representation in criminal cases, especially those involving writers and political dissidents.
-- lawyers’ role in the emerging wuxuan (rights defence) movement and
-- comparison of lawyers’ participation in the humanrights movements on the Chinese mainland and in Taiwan.

As a special feature, the book contains transcripts of the defense statements by prominent Chinese humanrights lawyers in two classic cases.

According to the publishers, “We hope this book will provide readers with a deeper and broader understanding of the situation of human rights in China.”
**Engineers' data book**

Matthews, Clifford.  
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