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"NEW LAW MAY SUPPORT MENTAL DISTRESS SUITS"

(Shanghai Daily) – Jan 4, 2009 – CHINA'S top legislature might add mental distress to the conditions covered under the country's tort law to improve civil rights protection. In most cases, people experience both economic loss and mental distress when their civil rights are violated, so the latter should also be covered by law.

For more information see: http://www.shanghaidaily.com/sp/article/2008/200812/20081223/article_385554.htm

Lynn Song from Lehman, Lee and Xu's Shanghai office comments that "there are already many cases in which such claims have been made, but existing laws don't clearly stipulate provisions for mental distress. Stipulating mental compensation in the tort law draft would rectify a "key defect" in China's legal system.

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