

City Courts' Jurisdictional Borders

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The Article traces the developmental changes in the jurisdiction of the City Courts. It details the greater competence that City Courts have always enjoyed over their municipal counterparts by looking at the amendments made to the Judiciary Act of 1948. It posits that while these changes clearly indicate the legislature's intention to expand the jurisdiction of the City Courts, they have also resulted to some ambiguities.

The Article pays special attention to the grant to the City Courts of a "like jurisdiction" as the Courts of First Instance. It argues that the proper interpretation of this is that it covers cases formerly within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of First Instance, and not otherwise within the competence of the City Courts. It ends by providing guidelines that should be adopted in interpreting the jurisdictional enlargements that have been vested by the legislature to the City Courts.