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Mr. Kye Kwan WI is an associate at the Litigation Group of Jipyong, providing legal services in white-collar criminal defense, labor and occupational accident cases, tax cases, and cases involving securities, finance, and insurance. Mr. WI worked as an associate in the Criminal Defense team of Barun Law LLC after he passed the 6th Korean bar examination. Before being qualified as a lawyer, he served as a police officer for ten years, during which he was in charge of investigations of economic crimes, sex crimes, illegal business cases, security services, and strategizing public order and security measures.

Education

2024 University of Southern California, Gould School of Law (LL.M.)
2021-Present Yonsei University School of Law (Ph.D. student in Criminal Justice)
2017 Kyungpook National University Law School (J.D.)
2005 Korea National Police University (B.A.)

Experience

2018-Present JIPYONG LLC
2021-2023 Legal Counsel, Investigation Complaint Counseling Center, Seoul Seocho Police Station
2017 Associate, Barun Law LLC
2014 Head of Protection Team, Seoul Yongsan Police Station

2012-2013	Captain of the fifth Riot Police Corps, Seoul Public Security Force Command, Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency
2011-2012	Acting Manager/Senior Inspector of the Public Safety Division / Senior Inspector of the Women & Juvenile Affairs Division, Hampyeong Police Station, Jeonnam Provincial Police Agency
2011	Promoted to Senior Inspector
2007-2011	Team Manager of the Innovative Planning Team under the Police Administration Division, Inspector, Economy Team/Police Substation, Seoul Jongam Police Station
2005-2007	Leader of the Mobile Police Unit, Incheon Metropolitan Police Agency

Honors and Recognitions

2023	Rising Star in Criminal Defense Practice, Legal Times
2013	Commendation (excellence award) from the head of Seoul Police Security Force Command under Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency
2012	Commendation (excellence award) from the Police Commissioner General
2011	Commendation from the head of Police Training Institute (for contribution to writing examination questions for recruiting police cadets)

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2025	Administrative Interpretation of Major Labor Cases (Co-Author), JoongAng Economy
2022	Criminal Defense Practice (Co-author), Pakyoungsa
2020	The Story of Construction/Real Estate by JIPYONG, Korea Construction Specialist Newspaper

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2017	Korea
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Languages

Korean / English