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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

2026	Yonsei University, Graduate School of Law (Ph.D., coursework completed, Candidate in Criminal Law)
2024	University of Southern California, Gould School of Law (LL.M.)
2017	Kyungpook National University, Graduate School of Law (J.D.)
2005	Korea National Police University (B.A.)

Experience

2018-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2025-Present	Legal Advisor, Korea Entertainment Management Association
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
2013	Commander, Police Unit, Mobile Police Headquarters, Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency
2012	Commander, Mobile Police Headquarters, Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency (Commander of the Special Staff Unit of the 5th Mobile Unit)
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
2009-2011	Head of the Innovation Team, General Affairs Division, Seoul Jongam Police Station, Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency
2008-2009	Economic Crimes Division, Seoul Jongam Police Station, Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency
2007-2008	Jongam Police Station, Seoul Jongam Police Station, Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency
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

[Books]

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

[Columns]

2021	Are Companies Obligated to Comply with Police Requests for Investigative Cooperation?, Korea Construction Specialist Newspaper
2020	Is Showing Someone Else's Driver's License Image File Punishable as Fraudulent Use of an Official Document?, Korea Construction Specialist Newspaper
2020	Criminal Liability for Exchange of Money or Valuables Between Executives of Reconstruction Association and Representatives of Construction Company, Korea Construction Specialist Newspaper
2019	Can a Director Receive Interim Severance Payment Without Resolution of General Meeting of Shareholders?, Korea Construction Specialist Newspaper

- 2019 Is a Worker an Employee If They Worked Under a Service Delegation Agreement?, Korea Construction Specialist Newspaper
- 2019 Criminal Liability Issues Arising from Issuing False Tax Invoices, Korea Construction Specialist Newspaper

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2017 Korea

Languages

Korean / English