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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

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

Experience

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| 2018-Present | JIPYONG LLC |
| 2025-Present | Legal Advisor, Korea Entertainment Management Association |
| 2021-Present | Legal Counsel, Investigation Complaint Counseling Center, Seoul Seocho Police Station |
| 2017 | Associate, Barun Law LLC |

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| 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

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| 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]

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| 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]

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| 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 |

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| 2019 | Construction Specialist Newspaper Criminal Liability Issues Arising from Issuing False Tax Invoices, Korea Construction Specialist Newspaper |
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Bar Admissions & Qualifications

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| 2017 | Korea |
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Languages

Korean / English