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Mr. Gidae Kwon started his legal practice at the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office in 2004 as a prosecutor. He joined GAON LAW GROUP in November 2023 as a partner/Head of Criminal Law Practice.

Mr. Kwon has a wealth of experience in all aspects of criminal practice, having served as a prosecutor, director general prosecutor, deputy chief prosecutor and branch chief for many years in front-line prosecutors' offices. He has particular expertise in tax, financial, and foreign exchange-related crimes, money tracing-enforcement and compliance monitoring, having served as a director general prosecutor of Criminal Assets Recovery Division of Seoul Central DPO and as a Director of Strategic Analysis of Financial Intelligence Unit. In addition, he has excellent capabilities in handling cases involving violations of administrative laws, having studied administrative law at Seoul National University School of Law and having worked as a prosecutor.

Education / Qualification

Seoul National University, Graduate School of Law, S.J.D. in Administrative Law (Completed Coursework, 2013)

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (U.S.), LL.M. (2009)

Seoul National University, Graduate School of Law, M.A. in Administrative Law (2004)

Judicial Research and Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea (30th Class, 2001)

Seoul National University, Department of Private Law, LL.B. (1999)

Admitted to the Korean Bar (40th Korean Bar Exam, 1998)

Career

GAON LAW GROUP, Head of Criminal Law Practice (2023 – Present)

Gwangju DPO, Mokpo BO, Chief Prosecutor (2022 ~ 2023)

Jeonju DPO, Human Rights Protection Officer (2021 ~ 2022)

Suwon DPO, Anyang BO, Deputy Chief Prosecutor/Human Right Supervisor, (2020 ~ 2021)

Changwon DPO, Criminal Division 1, Director General Prosecutor (2020)

Seoul Central DPO, Criminal Assets Recovery Division, Director General Prosecutor (2019 ~ 2020)

Supreme Prosecutors' Office, Planning and Coordination Department, Information and Communication Division, Director (2017 ~ 2019)

Suwon DPO, Seongnam BO, Criminal Division 4, Director General Prosecutor (2017)

Board of Audit and Inspection, Defense Corruption Special Audit Team, Director of Legal Support Division/ Prosecutor (2014 ~ 2017)

Busan DPO, Prosecutor (2013 ~ 2014)

Financial Services Commission, Financial Intelligence Unit, Director of Strategic Analysis/Prosecutor (2011 ~ 2013)

Suwon DPO, Prosecutor (2009 ~ 2013)

Chuncheon DPO, Prosecutor (2006 ~ 2009)

Seoul Central DPO, Prosecutor (2004 ~ 2006)

**Field of
Practice**

Corporate investigation & White collar defense /
Criminal defense related to tax, finance, foreign exchange /
Administrative punishment & relief Anti-corruption & Corporate compliance
/ Audit response / Defence industry

**Awards /
Recognition**

Minister of Justice, Certificate of Award (2010)

**Thesis /
Publication**

A study on the establishment of administrative punishment under German law,
Master's thesis, Seoul National University College of Law (2003)
Criminal problems of the so-called 'Cannon Account',
Prosecutor's Office No. 118, Supreme Prosecutors' Office (2007)