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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

CHAMBERS

JUDGE KWON



Judge O-Gon Kwon

Member of the Tribunal since November 2001

Vice-President between 17 November 2008 and 17 November 2011

Born: 1953, Cheong-ju, Korea

Judge Kwon has been working as one of the permanent judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia since November 2001. He served as the Vice-President of the International Tribunal from 2008 to 2011. Before joining the Tribunal in 2001, he served in the judiciary of the Republic of Korea for 22 years as a judge in various courts, including the Seoul District Court and Taegu High Court. He also served as the Assistant Legal Advisor to the President of the Republic of Korea (1981-1984), the Planning Director at the Office of the Court Administration of the Supreme Court of Korea (1990-1992), and the Director of Research at the Constitutional Court of Korea (1997-1999).

Judge Kwon currently presides over the trial of former Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadžić. He is also a member of the Tribunal's Rules Committee, which is charged with proposing additions and modifications to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. Previously, Judge Kwon sat on the trial of Slobodan Milošević, former President of the Republic of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and on the trial of Popović and others, in which seven Bosnian Serbs were accused of involvement in crimes following the July 1995 fall of the Srebrenica enclave. Judge Kwon was also involved in a number of pre-trial proceedings, contempt trials and sentencing judgments. Further, he was a member of the Referral Bench, which determined whether certain cases pending before the Tribunal are suitable to be referred for trial in the national courts of a State, instead being tried at the Tribunal.

In addition to his work at the Tribunal, Judge Kwon has been serving as a member of the Board of Editors of the Journal of International Criminal Justice (Oxford) since 2007, and a member of the Independent Panel on the International Criminal Court Judicial Election of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court since 2010.

Judge Kwon holds an LL.B. (1976) from Seoul National University Law School and an LL.M. (1983) from the Graduate School of Seoul National University. He took his bar apprenticeship in the Judicial Research and Training Institute at the Supreme Court of Korea (1979). Judge Kwon also holds an LL.M. (1985) from Harvard Law School, U.S.A. He received a "Moran" National Order of Merit from the President of the Republic of Korea in September 2008 and the "Youngsan Law Award" from Youngsan Foundation in October 2011.

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