

**Michiyo IWAMURA: Former Justice Minister**

1883 Aug Born. Son of Michitoshi Iwamura. Married Yae, daughter  
of Naonojo Miyaki  
1910 Graduated Law College, Tokyo Imperial University  
\* Public procurator  
1934 Chief Public Procurator, Tokyo District Court  
Director, Criminal Affairs Bureau of Justice Ministry  
1937 Procurator General of Supreme Court  
1941 July- Justice Minister in third Konoye Cabinet  
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1942-44 Jul Justice Minister in Tojo Cabinet  
1944 June Appointed President of Dai Nippon Mediators Association

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IWAMURA, Michiyo

Request by: KAYA, Okinori

Address: Confined in Sugamo Prison

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Name: IWAMURA, Michiyo

Social Status: Peer

Born: 21 August 1883

Domicile: Tokyo Prefecture

Graduated from Tokyo Imperial University Law Course.

17 Jul 1910

Appointed a probationary judicial officer.

2 Aug 1910

Appointed to learn the practical work at Kofu local court of Justice, Kofu Local Prosecution Section, Kofu District Court of Justice and Kofu District Prosecution Section.

Annual grant of ¥420 is allotted.

Appointed to be an acting Prosecutor at Kofu District Court.

3 Jun 1911

Relieved as an acting Prosecutor of Kofu District Court

27 Dec. 1911

Appointed Prosecutor.

10 Dec 1912.

Conferred the rank of high official, 7th Class.

Ordered to be a reserve Prosecutor.

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Ordered to be at Tokyo Local Court, Prosecution Section, and Tokyo District Prosecution Section.

Annual grant of ¥420 allotted.

Conferred the 7th Court rank, Jr. Grade

10 Feb. 1913

Appointed Prosecutor of Tokyo District Court and of Tokyo Local Court.

30 Jun 1913

Granted the 10th Grade Salary.

Granted the 9th Grade Salary.

7 Jul 1915

Conferred the rank of high official, 6th Class.

Conferred the 7th court rank, Sr. Grade.

Granted the 8th grade salary.

18 Dec 1916

Decorated with the medal in commemoration of the Grand Ceremony of Accession.	10 Nov 1915
Granted 7th Grade Salary.	5 Jul 1919
Conferred the rank of high official 5th Class	20 Nov "
Conferred the 6th court Jr. Grade	10 Dec. "
Granted 6th Class Salary	2 Jul 1920
Appointed as a councillor to the Ministry of Justice	30 Oct 1921
Conferred the rank of high official, 5th grade	
Ordered to serve at Bureau of Criminal Affairs additionally	
Granted 5th grade salary	
Conferred the rank of high Official 4th Class	11 Dec 1921
Conferred the 6th Court Rank, Sr. Grade	21 Feb 1922
Granted 4th grade salary	19 Mar 1922
Appointed to serve in Prison Bureau	28 Dec. 1922
Appointed to as Government Representative as on business under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice	2 Mar 1923
Appointed to serve in the Punitive Bureau concurrently	26 May 1922
Appointed as Secretary to the Minister of Justice, as well.	1 Apr 1923
Conferred rank of high official 4th grade	
Appointed director of the Secretariat for the Minister	
Appointed chief reporter to Kamps (Official Bulletin)	
Appointed chief Statistician	
Appointed Chairman of the temporary Investigation Committee for Legislation	18 Apr 1923
Appointed as an Investigation Officer of Capitalized pension.	5 May 1923

Conferred rank of high official 3rd class.	24 Aug 1923
Granted 3rd grade salary	10 Aug 1923
Conferred 5th Court Rank, Jr. Grade	30 Nov. 1923
Conferred with 6th Grade of Merit and with the Order of Sacred Treasure.	30 Nov. 1923
Released from serving at Punitive Bureau.	28 Jan 1924
Appointed as a prosecutor and a councillor to the Ministry of Justice. In addition, appointed secretary to him.	30 Apr 1924
Conferred rank of high official, 3rd class.	"
Appointed as prosecutor of Tokyo District Court.	"
Granted 3rd grade salary.	"
The councillorship of the Ministry of Justice has been abolished, by Edict No. 311	20 Dec. 1924
Released from the concurrent positions.	20 Dec. 1924
Granted 2nd Grade Salary.	29 Jan. 1925
Appointed Secretary to the Administration of Justice	7 Apr. 1925
Conferred rank of high official, 3rd Class.	
Ordered to serve at Punitive Bureau.	
Appointed to be a staff-secretary of the temporary Investigation Committee of Legislation	20 Jul 1925
Appointed the acting director of the Secretariate of the Minister, while Shataro Miyake, secretary to the Minister of Justice, was absent.	15 Dec. 1925
Appointed head of Protection Section of the Minister's Secretariate to serve at Criminal Bureau concurrently	31 Jan. 1926
As Shotaro Miyake returned from abroad, his position as the director of the Secretariate of the Minister terminated	15 May 1926
Ordered to serve at Punitive Bureau	17 Jun 1926
Granted 1st Grade Salary	28 Jul 1926
Conferred rank of high official 2nd Class	18 Apr 1927

Appointed as Prosecutor to the Tokyo Court of Appeal	18 Apr 1927
Granted 3rd Grade Salary	18 Apr 1927
Conferred 5th Court Rank, Sr. Grade	16 May 1927
Conferred the 5th Class of merit with the order of Sacred Treasure	30 Jun 1927
Released from other duties, besides his own proper ones	4 Oct 1927
Conferred the 4th Class of merit with the order of Sacred Treasure	7 Feb 1928
Given a silver cup for his strenuous efforts as staff secretary of the temporary investigation council of Legislation	21 Mar 1928
Granted 2nd Grade Salary	2 July 1929
Appointed Chief public procurator of the Nagoya District Court	8 Sept 1932
Granted 2nd Grade Salary	"
Conferred 3rd Class of merit with the order of Sacred Treasure	8 Feb. 1933
Conferred with 4th Court Rank, Jr. Grade	Jun 1933
Granted 1st Grade Salary	26 Dec. 1934
Conferred rank of high Official 1st Class	15 Feb 1935
Appointed Chief Procurator of Tokyo District Court	2 Apr 1936
Appointed director of the Bureau of Criminal Affairs	8 Apr 1936
Conferred rank of high official 1st Class	
Appointed a member of the Opium Committee	20 Apr 1936
Appointed Chairman of the Committee for Education and Religion	18 Nov 1936
Appointed temporary member of Investigation Committee of the House Administration	Nov 1936
Appointed Government representative for business under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice at 68th Diet	

Appointed government representative for business under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice at 69th Diet	2 May 1937
Appointed as Chairman of the Commission for the Investigation of the Election System	15 Jul 1937
Appointed a member of the Committee for investigation of Lawyers	20 Aug 1937
Appointed member representing Government for business under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice at 70th Diet	24 Dec. 1937
Appointed a member of the Preparatory Committee for Limitation of Common Officials	7 Jan. 1938
Appointed prosecutor	8 Mar 1938
Conferred rank of high official 1st Class	"
Appointed prosecutor of the Supreme Court	"
Granted 2nd Grade Salary	
Appointed member of Investigation Committee of Lawyers	14 Feb. 1937
Appointed prosecutor at Official Reprimand Court of Auditors	2 Apr 1937
Appointed the President of the Court of Administrative Litigation prosecutor at Official Reprimand Court	
Appointed temporary examiner of High Officials examinations	29 May 1937
Conferred 4th Court Rank, Sr. Grade	15 Jun 1937
Appointed Vice Minister of Justice	27 Dec 1937
Conferred rank of high official, 1st Class	"
Appointed adviser to Kikakuin (Planning Board)	28 Dec 1937
Appointed an adviser to Manchurian Administrative Bureau	
Appointed member of the Central Statistics Committee	
Appointed Councillor for the celebration in connection with 2600th Anniversary	
Appointed a member of the Cabinet Information Board	28 Dec 1937



Appointed a Member of Committee on Rules and Regulations.	28 Dec 1937
Appointed the director of committee of examiners of common officials	27 Nov 1937
Appointed a member of the investigation committee of Weights and Measures System	12 Jun 1938
Appointed a member of the investigation committee of the National Properties	27 Jan 1938
Appointed a member of Preparatory Committee for constructing Central Government Buildings	
Appointed a member of the Central Committee for City-planning	15 Feb 1938
Appointed a member of Investigation Committee for Planning	19 Feb 1938
Appointed a member of the Opium Committee	7 Mar 1938
Appointed a member of the Committee for Investigating Religious System	24 Mar 1938
Appointed a member of Investigation Committee for Diet System	10 Jun 1938
Appointed a member of Committee for National Mobilization	30 Jun 1938
Appointed a member of Investigation Committee of Judicial System	14 Jul 1938
Appointed a member of Preparatory Committee for Limitation of high officials	15 Sept 1938
Awarded a silver cup for meritorious service in the Japan-German United anti-comintern movement	2 Nov 1938
Conferred with 2nd grade of merit and the Order of Sacred Treasure	14 Dec 1939
Appointed a member of the Committee for national mobilization	28 Mar 1939
Appointed a member of Central Price Committee	24 Apr 1939
Appointed acting manager of the Investigation Division of the Ministry of Justice	31 May 1939

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Appointed a Member of the Committee for Investigation of small and middle class industries	22 July 1939
Appointed a member of Temporary Investigation Committee of Manchukuo Pioneering Work	3 Aug 1939
Appointed member of Committee for Protection of ex-criminals	14 Sept 1939
Appointed a member of the Committee for Limitation of high Officials	28 Oct 1939
Released from the position of a member of the Limitation Committee of high officials	
Appointed a member of the Committee for Investigation of the System of Judgment of family affairs	5 Dec 1939
Appointed a member of the Committee for Ship Building Works	26 Dec 1939
Appointed as a Prosecutor	17 Jan 1940
Appointed as the Public Procurator-general	
Appointed as a member of Committee for Investigation of the Judicial System (abolished according to the Edict No. 585, 20 June 1942)	24 Jan. 1940
Asked to be an adviser to Inquiry Office of Judicial Department	24 Jan. 1940
Appointed a member of Committee for Reviewing Rules and Regulations (abolished according to Edict, No. 585, 20 June 1942)	31 Jan 1940
Conferred 3rd court rank, Jr. Grade	1 July 1940
Appointed Minister of Justice	25 Jul 1941
Conferred 3rd court rank, Sr. Grade	15 Jul 1942
Conferred 1st Class of merit with the Order of Sacred Treasure	9 Feb 1943
Decorated with Double Ray of Rising Sun (for meritorious service in the China Incident).	29 Apr 1940
By request, released from the office.	22 Jul 1944
By special favor granted privileges of his former office.	

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SUBJECT: IWAMURA, Michio

1944 May 27 Minister of Justice/he and Vice Minister OMORI conferred with Dr. BA HAN (BURMA) and other members of the Burma Special Research Mission on said date.

SOURCE : FCC, Daily Report, 27 May 1944

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1943 June Minister of Justice, June 1943. Resigns when Koiso Ministry is formed, July 1944, but granted privileges of a former Minister.

SOURCE : OSS Card File.

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1941 Oct-- Michiyo IWAMURA was Minister of Justice in the TOJO Cabinet,  
1944 Jul which functioned from Oct 41 to Jul 44.

SOURCE: Enemy news broadcast and other sources.

FROM : Prominent Persons in Japan or Japanese Dominated Territories,  
15 May 45. DIO, 14th Naval District.

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6 June 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Comyns Carr; Mr. Sutton

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN, Chief,  
Investigative Division, IPS

SUBJECT : Defense Witness

1. Please find attached hereto list of material available on the following witness and/or witnesses.

DEFENDANT - KAYA

The attached information has been taken from the compiled report prepared by MIS. The report was previously classified secret however this classification has been cancelled and at the present time does not carry any classification. It will be noted that much of this information has been furnished in curriculum vitae obtained from the Cabinet Secretariat's office.

WITNESS

Iwamura, Michiyo

LIST OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Info from MID report

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum by initialling and returning attached carbon copy to this office, Room 300.

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(Described above)

EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

1 May 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sutton; Mr. Wiley

FROM : EDWARD P. MONAGHAN

Information in the form of a Staff Study compiled by G-2 has been included in the Investigative Case Files of the International Prosecution Section and is now available on the following witness.

IWAMURA, Michizo

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who has been requested by

KAYA

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EDWARD P. MONAGHAN  
Chief, Investigative Section

Date:

Name of Witness: IWAMURA. Michiyo

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