

## Profile / Professional Summary

Gerrit van der Burg has been Chairman of the Board of Procurators General since 1 June 2017. Together with two (three, as of 1 June 2018) other Procurators General, he leads the Public Prosecution Service, which employs approximately 5,000 people, about 750 of whom are Public Prosecutors. According to Van der Burg, the most important issues that the Public Prosecution Service faces in this day and age are cybercrime, subversive forms of crime and the fight against terrorism. He regularly seeks publicity about these themes.

Before Gerrit van der Burg joined the Board of Procurators General on 1 May 2014, he led the National Public Prosecutors' Office for four years. The National Public Prosecutors' Office fights organised and subversive crime at national and international level, such as drug trafficking, trafficking in human beings, laundering the proceeds of crime, and terrorism. Under Van der Burg's leadership, the young Public Prosecutors' Office expanded the range of cases. There were more investigations into international crimes, such as war crimes committed in Rwanda and hijacking of ships from the coasts of Africa. A new approach was also taken to tackling criminal behaviour by members of motor gang members.

It was not his first job as Chief Public Prosecutor. Van der Burg also held this position in Middelburg and 's-Hertogenbosch. Prior to that, he worked as a Public Prosecutor, both in Breda and at the National Public Prosecutors' Office. Van der Burg did not start his career as a lawyer. Although he studied Dutch law at Leiden University, he continued his studies at the Police Staff College. During that last course of study, he started his first job in 1982: superintendent of the Rotterdam Municipal Police. After five years, he became chief superintendent and chief forensic investigator there.

In 1990, he moved to the Public Prosecution Service. His experience with the police has always proved to be very valuable for Van der Burg. Carrying out large-scale investigations and acting during crises and public order conflicts have greatly helped him in his work as Public Prosecutor and later as Chief Public Prosecutor.

In addition to his work, Van der Burg attended a programme at Harvard Kennedy School in the US to become senior manager in government. He also studied MPA at the Netherlands School of Public Administration and followed post-graduate administration and management programmes at the University of Twente, Erasmus University Rotterdam and Leiden University.