Joey Kwong

Junior Counsel - Above 15 Years
CALLED 2005

"Joey is thorough, personable and hard-working."
LEGAL 500, 2026

Joey is regularly instructed to prosecute and defend the whole spectrum of serious crime, with specialisms in financial crime, confiscation, and asset recovery proceedings.

He is regularly instructed on cases involving complex and organised crime conspiracies, and cases involving psychiatric expert evidence.

Joey is an appointed member of the following CPS Advocate Panels:

1. General Crime at Level 4
2. Serious Crime at Level 4
3. Fraud at Level 4
4. Counter Terrorism at Level 3
5. Proceeds of Crime at Level 3

Joey is also an appointed member of the Serious Fraud Office Panel B.

Notable Cases

Appellate work

R v SW, 2025

Joey successfully argued that full credit should be given to a client who was unfit to plead at the Magistrates' Court, but became fit to plead at the Crown Court.

R v LW, 2023

Joey was instructed by the Court of Appeal Registrar's office to defend the client against an Attorney General's reference. The client was convicted after trial of a Conspiracy to Perverting Course of Public Justice, where Mr Walker was found to have attempted to corrupt a juror of a trial concerning supply of multi-kilograms of class A and class B drug and possession of a prohibited weapon. The Court of Appeal dismissed the reference, and the client retained his liberty.

Court of Appeal

Read more here

R v SA, 2019

Joey prosecuted defendant for harassment (putting people in fear of violence) and perverting the course of justice. He was a PCSO who harassed an ex-partner for two years. When caught, he attempted to manipulate cell site evidence to vindicate himself. He was convicted after trial and given a suspended sentence. Counsel drafted an advice on unduly lenient sentence. The Court of Appeal increased the sentence to 4 years 9 months' imprisonment.

Leicester Crown Court

News reports

- Birmingham Mail
- BBC

Bribery and Corruption

Complex and Organised Crime

Operation Taintless

Joey is currently instructed by CPS Serious Organised Economic Crime unit to prosecute organised supplier of over £2 million of class A drugs.

R v JR, EC, AN and DT, 2026

Joey represented a client DT in a Conspiracy to supply firearms and ammunition. The evidence included police undercover officers and mobile phone evidence.

Southwark Crown Court

R v L, M, H, AK, S, and U, 2023

This was a 6 handed conspiracy to supply class A drugs, where the Organised Crime Group supplied drugs for six months using two county lines.

The evidence consisted of extensive mobile phone evidence, text messages, cell site evidence, and CCTV evidence.

All defendant were convicted and received sentences of imprisonment of up to 10 years.

Kingston Crown Court

Read more on Solihul Observer

R v UK and 6 others, 2025

Joey defended a multi-handed Kidnapping, section 18 and Aggravated Burglary. The Crown evidence included hours of CCTV evidence, phone download evidence and cell site evidence over a number of days.

Birmingham Crown Court

R v AR and 2 others, 2023

Joey prosecuted Conspiracies to Supply Class A Drugs valued over £12 million.

R v AP and JT, 2023

Joey prosecuted two defendants for joint enterprise assisting unlawful immigration offences. After his opening speech to the jury, the defendant knocked on the dock window, and changed her plea to guilty.

Hove Crown Court

R v MF, 2023

Joey defended client in a re-trial for Conspiracy to assist unlawful immigration, where the co-conspirators were convicted. Joey was instructed after original trial counsel was unavailable. The Crown evidence consisted of telephone evidence and CCTV evidence. Joey noted a gap in the Crown case, and cross-examined the police expert at length. Joey made a half-time submission, which was accepted by the judge, resulting in the client's acquittal.

Canterbury Crown Court

R v BC, DH, JM, and DO, 2023

Joey defended a 4-week trial of Conspiracy to burgle 54 dwellings and armed robbery. The Crown evidence consisted of cell site data, CCTV, clothing, phone attribution, social media usage, and forensic imagery analyst expert. The client was convicted of conspiracy to burgle, but acquitted of armed robbery.

Birmingham Crown Court

Drugs

Confiscation and Restraint

R v GS and HH, 2024

Following Restraint Orders of over £600,000 being lifted, CPS Proceeds of Crime unit returned this case to Joey to advise and apply for fresh Restraint Order applications. The Restraint Orders were reimposed against both defendants, with the judge refusing defence cost application for over £100,000 against the Crown.

R v A, 2021

Joey defended an application for civil cash forfeiture under section 298 POCA 2002. The client kept £150,000 cash in a suitcase in a secured storage unit. Following cross-examination of the HMRC officer and accountant, Joey made a successful half time submission, and the cash was returned to the client.

Nottingham Magistrates' Court

R v AR and 2 others, 2024

Joey prosecuted confiscation applications with benefit figures over £10 million.

R v LW and AV, 2024

Joey prosecuted a contested confiscation application with legal arguments on tainted gifts to bankrupt recipients (section 84(2)(d)), and valuation of figures based on subsequent property investments (section 79 and 80).

R v GS and HH, 2024

After ROs of over £600,000 were lifted, Joey was instructed to advise on a fresh RO applications, and to resist defence cost application of over £100,000. ROs against both defendants were reimposed, and defence cost application resisted.

R v TA, 2023

Joey defended confiscation proceedings on behalf of a client who was convicted and sentenced as having leading role in the supply of ketamine and cannabis. The Crown sought a benefit figure of over £660,000, and an available amount of over £350,000. After protracted negotiations on the day of the contested confiscation hearing, the Crown reduced their benefit figure to £270,000, with a recoverable amount of £185,000. This included judge declaring it would be unjust under section 7 to declare the full available amount to be the recoverable amount.

Bristol Crown Court

R v A, 2021

Joey defended a client in an application for civil cash forfeiture under section 298 POCA 2002. The client kept £150,000 cash in a suitcase in a secured storage unit. HMRC applied to seize this cash, alleging the money was intended for money laundering. After cross-examination of the HMRC officer and accountant, a successful half time submission was made. The cash was returned to the client without the client giving evidence.

Nottingham Magistrates' Court

Confiscation and Restraint

Driving

R v MMM, 2024

Joey defended a privately paying client charged with Causing Serious Injury by Dangerous Driving, who following a guilty plea, received a suspended sentence with no conditions.

Caernarfon Crown Court

R v FA, 2020

Joey prosecuted defendant charged with causing serious injury by dangerous driving and perverting the course of justice. The defendant hit her father-in-law because she was distracted by her mobile phone. She told a series of lies and deleted 32 incriminating text messages. Defendant was sentenced to 18 months' custody in spite of her good character.

Leicester Crown Court

News report here

R v PD, 2016

Joey represented appellant in the Court of Criminal Appeal and obtained a reduction in sentence for causing serious injury by dangerous driving from 2 years' imprisonment to 4 months, resulting in the client's immediate release.

Court of Appeal

Driving

Financial Crime

Operation Ragtime

Joey is currently instructed by CPS Fraud unit to prosecute a 2-handed HMRC cigarette importation case value over £1.4 million.

Operation Abbeytree

Joey is currently instructed by CPS Serious Organised Economic Crime unit to prosecute a Covid Job Retention Scheme Fraud and VAT fraud valued at approximately £1 million.

Operation Picard

Joey is currently instructed by CPS Fraud unit to prosecute a 2-handed HMRC cigarette importation

case valued over £2.3 million.

Operation Wey

Joey is currently instructed by CPS Fraud unit to prosecute a 6 handed HMRC cigarette importation case, valued at over £280,000.

R v AH and 5 others, 2025 (Operation Accurist)

Joey was leading junior for the Crown in a banking Fraud and Money Laundering trial, involving 18 victim and money mule bank and cryptocurrency accounts, 14 fraudulent audio calls, voice comparison expert evidence, phone downloads, and network call data. Two main bankers and two money mules were convicted.

Bradford Crown Court

R v DV and 5 others, 2024 (Operation Leon)

Joey was led junior for the Crown in a banking Fraud and Money Laundering trial valued at £1.8 million, involving 14 victim bank accounts, 17 mule accounts, shell companies in UK and Dubai, cryptocurrency, phone downloads and call data. All but one defendants were convicted.

Southwark Crown Court

R v AK and 2 others, 2024

Joey prosecuted a trial of Section 328 POCA Arrangement concerning fraudulent cheques. All three defendants were convicted.

Inner London Crown Court

R v KB, 2023

Joey prosecuted insurance fraud of valued over £200,000. The defendant was convicted after trial of abusing his position as a trustee of insurance pay-out, which he held on trust for his two vulnerable step-children. For two days, Joey cross-examined the defendant on insurance documents and correspondence, his bank accounts which he cross-referenced with his social media accounts to establish a pattern of overspending. The defendant was convicted, and sentenced to 4 years' imprisonment.

Northampton Crown Court

R v MA, 2023

Joey prosecuted tax fraud valued over £150,000. The defendant ran a takeaway as a sole trader, but suppressed his earnings through various means, thus avoiding both VAT registration and income tax. Joey advised on expert accountant evidence, leading to Mr Ali pleading guilty and sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment.

Leicester Crown Court

R v NF, 2021

Joey prosecuted an NHS nurse who committed fraud upon her employer. The defendant was convicted after trial, with the judge commenting that the manner with which the trial was conducted by both the prosecution and the defence was "a model of its time".

Ms F appealed her conviction to the Court of Appeal. Joey appeared on behalf of the Crown, and Ms F's appeal was rejected.

Nottingham Crown Court

Court of Appeal

R v SN, 2021

Joey prosecuted defendant for commercial fraud of nearly half a million pounds. The defendant was sentenced to 3 years 7 months' imprisonment in spite of his good character.

Lincoln Crown Court

News report here

R v DB, 2019

Joey prosecuted defendant charged with fraud and transferring criminal property. The defendant defrauded multiple victims by setting up an online gambling business purporting to be licensed by the Gambling Commission. The defendant pleaded guilty on the day of trial and was sentenced to 35 months' imprisonment.

Derby Crown Court

R v DS, 2016

Joey prosecuted the defendant for VAT fraud of £184,000 worth of expenses. Joey cross-examined Mr Swift on his expenses, his 9 different bank accounts and caught him out in various lies. Mr Swift was convicted and a confiscation order was made. All money owed to HMRC was recouped.

Leicester Crown Court

Financial Crime

Firearms

R v JR, EC, AN and DT, 2026

Joey represented a client DT in a Conspiracy to supply firearms and ammunition. The evidence included police undercover officers and mobile phone evidence.

Southwark Crown Court

R v LW and AV, 2023

Joey prosecuted two defendants, whereby one handed to another a bag in public containing over £20,000 worth of cocaine, together with a black handgun. The Crown evidence included expert evidence on whether the firearm, in its converted state, were capable of firing so as to satisfy the definition of a firearm under section 57 of the Firearms Act 968.

Canterbury Crown Court

R v KS, 2022

Joey defended a Thai client charged with attempted section 18 and possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence. She was caught on CCTV to attempt to stab her ex-partner, and on a separate occasion shoot at him with an imitation firearm She was found to be fit to plead by a psychiatrist. Joey queried this diagnosis, and advised on a second opinion. The client was ultimately found unfit to plead. In spite of having no instructions, Joey vigorously cross-examined the complainant during the fact find hearing. This led to the client being acquitted on both counts during the Fact Find hearing.

Leicester Crown Court

R v AL, 2016

Joey represented defendant charged with possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of

violence. Three Crown witnesses saw the defendant with a shotgun in a public house car park. The police found a matching shotgun in his house. Cross-examined the three Crown witnesses on their credibility which led to the defendant's acquittal.

Derby Crown Court

Firearms

Military

R v TB, 2024

Joey, led by Justin Hugheston-Roberts, defended a former service man, charged with 11 counts of rape, threats to kill with a knife, inflicting grievous bodily harm, and other offences against his ex-partner of two years.

Even though at the time of his trial he was a civilian, he was serving in the Royal Air Force at the time of charge, so he was tried at a Court Martial sitting in Catterick Garrison North Yorkshire

The Crown evidence consisted of the complainant, over 8 witnesses of corroboration, audio recordings of the assaults, extensive mobile phone evidence, and medical expert evidence on causation.

In spite of the early and repeated defence requests for mobile phone downloads, the Crown disclosed 8000 pages of mobile phone messages on day 3 of the Court Martial.

Justin and Joey forensically analysed the materials over the weekend, producing a 160 page schedule of messages, upon which the complainant was cross-examined over 3 days.

The Crown witnesses and medical expert were similarly cross-examined in a trial that took some four weeks.

As a result, the Board disbelieved the complainant and acquitted the client of all counts of rape, threats to kill, and inflicting grievous bodily harm and accessing personal records on a computer.

The client was convicted of three lesser offences which were evidenced on the audio recordings, and received a suspended sentence of imprisonment.

Court Martial at Catterick

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In the circumstances, Justin and Joey submitted that Mr B should therefore be tried by a civilian Board.

In a preliminary ruling, the Judge Advocate in a Court Martial ruled he did not have the power to determine the constitution of the Board, this being a matter for the Court Administration Officer, who had already determined this should be a service Board.

Justin and Joey appealed against this ruling, with the Secretary of State intervening in the appeal. After hearing full written and oral arguments, the Court Martial Appeal Court agreed it was indeed the Judge Advocate who has the power to determine the constitution of the Board. The Court Martial Appeal Court further clarified the law on when an ex-Serviceman is entitled to be tried by a civilian Board.

Court Martial Appeals Court

Link to judgment

Military

Murder and Manslaughter

R v SJ, 2025

Joey prosecuted a Gross-Negligence Manslaughter of a vulnerable patient in a care home.

Reading Crown Court

R v TW, 2025

Joey defended an Encouraging Suicide and Encouraging Self-Harm case.

Leicester Crown Court

Read more on BBC News

R v AH, 2023

Joey defended Fact find of an Attempted Murder. After not sleeping for three days, the client chased his father down the street, and repeatedly stabbed him in the neck.

Joey advised on psychiatric reports to ensure the client received the help he needed, including resisting a section 45A hybrid order.

Leicester Crown Court

Read more on Leicestershire News

R v LCL, 2021

Joey prosecuted a defendant for Arson with intent to endanger life. The defendant set fire to a caravan belonging to his ex-partner, which spread to two neighbouring caravans, where adults and four children were sleeping. Joey cross-examined the defendant on messages he sent his ex-partner, leading to him being convicted and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment.

Leicester Crown Court

Read more on:

- BBC News
- Leicester Mercury

Murder and Manslaughter

Psychiatric Expert Evidence

R v KB, 2023

Joey defended client charged with Possession with intent to supply Class A drugs.

A plastic bag containing multiple wraps of cocaine was recovered in client's garden. His fingerprint was found on the plastic bag. In interview, Mr Baker confessed to "holding" the drugs for another.

Joey advised on both a psychiatric report diagnosing the client with intellectual impairment, ADHD, anxiety, and depression, and on forensic report show fingerprints can remain on a plastic bag for up to 7 years.

Joey lodged an application to exclude the client's confession in interview.

As a result, the Crown offered no evidence.

Leicester Crown Court

R v AH, 2023

Joey defended Fact find of an Attempted Murder. After not sleeping for three days, the client chased his father down the street, and repeatedly stabbed him in the neck.

The evidence consisted of CCTV footages showing the stabbing and the evidence of the father. The client was caught at the scene. The client refused to engage or give instructions.

At the finding of the act hearing, Joey robustly tested the evidence, including cross-examining the father on his own psychiatric ideation.

Joey further advised on psychiatric reports to ensure the client received the help he needs, including resisting a section 45A hybrid order.

Leicester Crown Court

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R v KS, 2022

Joey defended a Thai client charged with attempted section 18 and possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence. She was caught on CCTV to attempt to stab her ex-partner, and on a separate occasion shoot at him with an imitation firearm. She was found to be fit to plead by a psychiatrist. Joey queried this diagnosis, and advised on a second opinion. The client was ultimately found unfit to plead. In spite of having no instructions, Joey vigorously cross-examined the complainant during the fact find hearing. This led to the client being acquitted on both counts during the Fact Find hearing.

Leicester Crown Court

R v SC, 2018

Joey defended client charged with a section 18 offence. The client wounded the victim with two kitchen knives and a bottle in the presence of children at a nearby primary school. Joey advised on

obtaining a psychiatric report for the client which led to the Crown accepting a reduced plea to a section 20 and the judge suspending her term of imprisonment.

Lincoln Crown Court

Rape and Sexual Offences

R v MR, 2025

Joey defended a taxi driver who raped a student in 2006.

Leicester Crown Court

Read more on BBC News

R v TB, 2024

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The trial took some four weeks, where the defence team further forensically cross-examined the Crown witnesses and medical expert.

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Court Martial at Catterick

R v SW, 2024

Joey defended a client charged with sexual assault. The client was inebriated and was seen by witnesses to approach several women in a bar and touching them in intimate areas of their bodies. The client was a school teacher of good character, who faced to lose his job should he be convicted. Joey negotiated with the Crown to accept a common assault. The client was sentenced to a conditional discharge, and he avoided being placed on the sex offenders' register.

Leicester Crown Court

R v JK, 2023

Joey defended client charged with Rape, Controlling or Coercive behaviour, and ABH.

Joey drafted a detailed defence statement which attacked credibility of the complainant, and further reviewed client's extensive phone evidence.

Joey strenuously negotiated with Crown, leading to Crown not proceeding on the rape and ABH. The client pleaded guilty to controlling or coercive behaviour, with Joey drafting a favourable basis of plea which set out the credibility issues of the complainant.

This basis was subsequently rejected by the Crown, but upon hearing submissions, the trial judge considered it did not make a difference to sentence.

Warwick Crown Court

R v TC, 2022

Joey defended client charged with Attempted rape. The client was alleged to have attempted to rape his adult stepdaughter in the matrimonial home. She reported this incident immediately after the incident.

Joey forensically analysed over two thousand pages of medical records, social services records, telephone records, and compiled a schedule of materials which undermined the credibility of the complainant.

After a successful section 41 / 100 application, Joey cross-examined the complainant. As a result, the jury returned verdicts of Not Guilty.

Wolverhampton Crown Court

R v AG, 2021

Joey defended a client who was charged with multiple incidents of assault by penetration and sexual assault against a child under 13. After hearing Joey's mitigation, defendant was found not to be dangerous and sentenced to 7 years and 1 months' custody with 1 year extended sentence as an offender of particular concern.

The sentencing judge thanked both prosecution and defence counsel for their detailed sentencing note, and indicated he had marked the defendant as a dangerous offender until he heard submissions from defence counsel.

Leicester Crown Court

Read more here and here

R v D, 2021

Joey defended client charged with exposure in front of his 14 year old step-daughter. Joey persuaded the Crown to accept a section 4 public order act offence, thus saving the client from being placed on the sex offenders register.

Leicester Crown Court

Rape and Sexual Offences

Violence

R v AT and LH, 2024

Joey defended trial where client was charged with robbery and section 18, where victim was assaulted with a microwave and an iron to the head, causing serious brain damage. Mr Taylor was always willing to plead to a section 20.

Joey left no stone unturned and repeatedly made section 8 applications for disclosure. This resulted in the Crown applying to discharge the jury in order for further disclosure to be completed. Joey successfully applied for bail thereafter.

After further disclosure applications, 18 months after being charged, the Crown accepted Mr Taylor's plea to section 20.

Stafford Crown Court

R v KS, 2022

Joey defended a Thai woman charged with attempted section 18 and possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence. She was caught on CCTV to attempt to stab her ex-partner, and on a separate occasion shoot at him with an imitation firearm. She was found to be fit to plead by a psychiatrist. Joey queried this diagnosis, and advised on a second opinion. The client was ultimately found unfit to plead. In spite of having no instructions, Joey vigorously cross-examined the complainant during the fact find hearing. This led to the client being acquitted on both counts during the Fact Find hearing.

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Lincoln Crown Court

Violence

Achievements

Memberships

- Midland Circuit
- Midland Circuit Social Mobility Committee
- Criminal Bar Association
- Fraud Lawyers Association

Appointments

- CPS General Crime Panel (Grade 4)

- CPS Fraud Panel (Grade 4)
- CPS Serious Crime Panel (Grade 4)
- CPS Rape Panel (Grade 4)
- CPS Counter Terrorism (Grade 3)
- CPS Proceeds of Crime Panel (Grade 3)
- Serious Fraud Office (Fraud Panel B)

Education

- BVC - Nottingham Law School
- MA - Cambridge University