BARRISTER

Jay Nutkins

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Terrorism | Serious Violence | Drugs | Murder | Attempted Murder



Biography

Jay was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2010 at Gray's Inn and is one of the firm's supervisors having worked for Lloyds PR Solicitors since 2011. Jay is a pupil supervisor and advises on terrorism and serious crime such as homicide as well as regulatory matters. Jay is also a Grade A fee earner for legal aid VHCC contract cases.
Jay has a calm and mature approach in court and is persuasive even in the most difficult of arguments. Jay has good judgement in the court room and ably presents his cases to judges and juries alike.

In the last year Jay has been instructed as an advocate in four terrorism cases (one involving Russia, and two allegedly involving Iran) as well as in a number of murder cases. He has produced a significant amount of written and analytical work as well as working alongside some of the country's top silks.

In 2025 Jay was due to be led by Kings Counsel in a murder case at the Central Criminal Court, however after the defence statement was served, the Crown reviewed the case and offered no evidence.

Jay is also qualified as a duty solicitor and has a wealth of experience right from the inception of cases in the police station to the end in the Court of Appeal.

Jay is also a litigator and instructs chambers in matters that he litigates. As a litigator Jay has recently represented someone accused of conspiring to import almost 900 kilograms of Class A drugs into the UK by boat to the south coast.

In November 2025 Jay led Amelia Mckey of Lloyds PR Solicitors in an 8 week trial at Southwark Crown Court where the offence alleged was people trafficking.
In April 2026 Jay was led by James Scobie KC in a murder trial at The Old Bailey. The defendant was acquitted of murder.

In May 2026 Jay was led by David Spens KC at Woolwich Crown Court before the High Court Judge in charge of terrorism, in relation to the stabbing of an Iranian journalist at the behest of the Iranian regime.

In June and July 2026 Jay led Amelia McKey of Lloyds PR Solicitors in a 28 day trial for attempted murder and firearms offences at the Central Criminal Court. The defendant was acquitted of attempted murder.

At the end of July 2026 Jay was led by Nick Corsellis KC in a murder trial at The Old Bailey. The defendant was acquitted of murder.

Jay has also recently acted on his own in a firearms case which lasted a number of weeks at Snaresbrook. The only defendant to have a trial was Jay's client. He was acquitted of all counts by the jury.

Qualifications

Memberships and Associations

Gray's Inn
Criminal Litigation Accreditation Scheme
Fraud Lawyers Association
Criminal Bar Association

Jay regularly attends the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA) conferences in and around Europe. Conferences Jay has attended over the last few years have included Oslo, Rome, and Helsinki. Jay intends to attend the conferences in 2026.

Teaching and Mentoring

Jay provides lectures on a variety of legal topics to members of the firm at formal training sessions. Jay also teaches advocacy to the pupil barristers and trainee solicitors at the firm.

In addition Jay volunteers his time at a local school in North London every year to help the students prepare for the national advocacy competition. Jay has also been asked to speak to school students about The Rule of Law in his local school. Jay normally supervises two to three pupils per year.

Education

- Portsmouth University
- College of Law (now the University of Law)

Selected Cases (8)

TERRORISM — 3 cases

- R -v- FJM & Others – Woolwich Crown Court [2026]
- R -v- IS & Others – Central Criminal Court [2025]
- R -v-NB & Others – Woolwich Crown Court [2026]

DRUGS — 5 cases

- R -v- AI – Snaresbrook Crown Court [2026]
- R -v- KF – Winchester Crown Court [2024]
- R -v- KS – Luton Crown Court [2024]
- R -v- NM – Snaresbrook Crown Court [2025]
- R -v- YT – Lewes Crown Court [2024]