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Azuka assists clients in achieving their business goals through creative and tailored intellectual property solutions. Azuka's practice focuses on a range of intellectual property matters, with an emphasis on patent infringement litigation, patent prosecution, patent monetization, and opinion counseling. Azuka has significant experience in an expansive range of fields, including computer hardware and software, business methods, design patents, chemical compositions, and brand protection. He also has a significant post-issuance practice, including IPRs, and has won several appeals before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Azuka has litigated several high-technology cases, including ones related to insurance products, personal-care products, streaming Internet services, consumer goods, among others. Furthermore, Azuka has represented clients in critical aspects of litigation, including pre-trial discovery and motion practice. He also has experience litigating trademark infringement, unfair competition, and copyright infringement claims. In his prosecution practice, he assists clients in obtaining, maintaining and registering patents, trademarks and copyrights. Azuka has assisted numerous Fortune 100 companies in developing and expanding their patent programs through the successful use tailored incentive programs, invention harvesting sessions, and competitive intelligence analysis. Azuka often utilizes creative prosecution strategies for achieving clients' business goals and protecting their trusted brands.

Azuka earned his undergraduate degree in Computer Engineering and Finance from Washington University in St. Louis in 2006. He was awarded his J.D. degree from Northwestern University

School of Law in 2010, where he was an editor for the Journal of Technology & Intellectual Property.

Azuka serves American Bar Association Intellectual Property Law (ABA-IPL) Section's Board of Trustees of the Intellectual Property Law Foundation. He also is Liaison to the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession and as Vice Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee for the ABA-IPL. He also served as chairman of the firm's Diversity Committee. Azuka was featured in Chicago's Notable Minority Lawyers in Crain's Chicago Business in 2018, has been recognized for his practice in intellectual property litigation in Illinois Super Lawyers' Rising Stars, and was selected as a 2026 Illinois Leading Lawyer. Most recently, he was recognized for litigation in the 2026 edition of IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals.

Azuka's singular goal is to provide high-quality, cost-effective legal services to the firm's clients while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and ethics.

Education

Washington University in St. Louis
2006, B.S., Computer Engineering

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law
2010, J.D.

Admissions

Bar Admissions
2010, Illinois

Court Admissions
Supreme Court of Illinois
U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Practices

Counseling, Opinions + Licensing

Design Patents

Litigation

PTAB Litigation

Patent Prosecution

Trademarks

Industries

Artificial Intelligence

Defense Space

Electrical + Computer Technologies

Internet, E-Commerce + Business Methods

Accolades

- Recognized for litigation, IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals, 2026
- Selected as an Illinois Leading Lawyer, 2026

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

EVENT - 07.24.26

Banner Witcoff's Azuka Dike to Speak at National Bar Association Annual Convention

NEWS - 05.28.26

Banner Witcoff and Attorneys Recognized for Patent Litigation, Prosecution and Strategy in IAM's Patent 1000

NEWS - 03.06.26

Banner Witcoff's Azuka Dike Elected to Board of Trustees of the ABA Intellectual Property Law Foundation

NEWS - 11.06.25

IP Alert | First Decisions Released Under New Director Institution Process

NEWS - 10.30.25

IP Alert | Authors' Copyright Battle Against OpenAI Survives Motion to Dismiss

NEWS - 05.29.25

Banner Witcoff and 14 Attorneys Recognized in IAM Patent 1000

NEWS - 01.13.25

20 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Listed as 2025 Illinois Leading, Emerging Lawyers

NEWS - 06.06.24

IAM Patent 1000 Recognizes 14 Banner Witcoff Attorneys, Patent Prosecution, and Litigation Practices