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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, and mechanical devices. 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, streaming Internet services, personal-care products, compact electronic ballasts, among others. Furthermore, Azuka has substantial experience in performing several large-scale due diligence projects in anticipation of patent litigation, and 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.

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 currently serves as chairman of his firm's Diversity Committee. He also serves as 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 Section of Intellectual Property Law (ABA-IPL). Azuka was featured in Chicago's Notable Minority Lawyers in Crain's Chicago Business in 2018, and has been recognized for his practice in intellectual property litigation in Illinois Super Lawyers' Rising Stars each year since 2016.

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

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

Practices

Counseling, Opinions + Licensing
Design Patents
Litigation
PTAB Litigation
Patent Prosecution
Trademarks

Industries

Electrical + Computer Technologies
Internet, E-Commerce + Business Methods

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

NEWS - 04.22.21

Chicago Bar Association Highlights Azuka Dike in its 40 Under Forty Feature

NEWS - 03.24.21

Programs to Know: LCLD Fellows Program

NEWS - 02.01.21

Banner Witcoff's Azuka Dike Reflects on Black History Month in ABA-IPL Post

NEWS - 08.06.20

Bloomberg Law Quotes Azuka Dike in Article Examining Rarity of Black Attorneys in IP Field

NEWS - 07.23.20

Law360 Covers Comcast Win at the PTAB

NEWS - 02.25.20

Azuka Dike Named to Leadership Council on Legal Diversity's 2020 Fellows Program

NEWS - 01.14.20

25 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Listed as 2020 Leading, Emerging Lawyers

NEWS - 12.05.19

Azuka Dike and Kirk Sigmon Explore the Wearables Market in The Licensing Journal

NEWS - 06.28.19

Azuka Dike Named 2019 ABA On the Rise – Top Young Lawyer

LIBRARY - 06.05.19

IP Update: Spring/ Summer 2019 Newsletter

NEWS - 01.31.19

Twenty-three Banner & Witcoff attorneys named 2019 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

NEWS - 11.19.18

Azuka C. Dike named Notable Minority Lawyer in Chicago