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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 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). 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, and has been recognized for his practice in intellectual property litigation in Illinois Super Lawyers' Rising Stars each year since 2016. Most recently, he was recognized for litigation in the 2023 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

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

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

NEWS - 06.27.23

IAM 1000 Recognizes 15 Banner Witcoff Attorneys, Patent Prosecution, and Litigation Practices

EVENT - 05.05.22

North Shore Corporate IP Roundtable to Examine Perspectives on Diversity and Inclusion in Intellectual Property Law and Beyond

EVENT - 02.14.22

Binal Patel and Azuka Dike to Present on Private Practice Perspectives on Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Industry

NEWS - 01.25.22

PTAB Highlight | Takeaways from Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings

NEWS - 01.21.22

Banner Witcoff's Azuka Dike Spotlighted in the ABA's Winter Issue of The Innovator

NEWS - 12.29.21

24 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Listed as 2022 Leading, Emerging Lawyers

NEWS - 04.22.21

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