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### EDUCATION

J.D.,  
University of Missouri, 2015  
B.S., Biomedical Engineering  
University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2012

### BAR ADMISSIONS

U.S. Dist. Court, N.D. Illinois  
Illinois  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fed. Cir.

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Jafon Fearson leverages prosecution and litigation experience across the IP spectrum to craft forward-focused solutions that are practical and client-specific.

Whether drafting pleadings before the federal district courts, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, or responding to office actions before the Patent Office, Jafon brings an eagerness and personal commitment to achieving the best possible result with the reality of the client's business in mind. With efficiency and attention to detail, Jafon's litigation practice has included performing pre-litigation due diligence, drafting and responding to pleadings, motions, and discovery requests, performing and managing document review and production, and preparing and taking depositions. In his prosecution practice, Jafon has prepared and prosecuted patent and trademark applications, with patent prosecution experience in the medical device, semiconductor, optics, and automotive arts. Jafon has further conducted patentability evaluations, assisted in the analysis and drafting of patentability opinions, and counseled clients concerning corporate intellectual property policy and strategy.

In addition to a focus on client service, Jafon has a strong commitment to mentoring and promoting diversity in the legal profession, which in part is demonstrated through Jafon's role as a student mentor and member of the Associate's Board for Legal Prep Charter Academy. Legal Prep is a free, open enrollment, legal-themed Chicago public charter school attended by mostly minority students, and through Legal Prep's mentoring program, Jafon assists the students in exploring legal themes and proceedings such as mock trial to develop communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and advocacy skills.

### EXPERIENCE | CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Douglass High School, Mock Trial Demonstrator, Mentor
- Legal Prep Academy, Mentor and Mock Trial Coach

### EXPERIENCE | CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

- **Sigma-Aldrich**, St. Louis, MO  
Summer Intern, 2013
- **University of Alabama Department of Biomedical Engineering**, AL  
May 2012

### PRACTICE GROUPS

Copyright  
Litigation

Patent Prosecution  
Post-Grant Patent  
Trade Secrets

## FORWARD THINKING

### Alerts

- Obviousness: Common Sense Cannot Replace Reasoned Analysis & Evidentiary Support , August 29, 2016
- The Federal Circuit Gives Patent Owners A Fighting Chance: Due Process In IPR Proceedings, June 26, 2017
- Adequacy of Explanation Remains Key Area of PTAB Reversal, January 03, 2019
- Virtual Marking: Guidance on Doing It Right, November 12, 2019
- Forging a New Way Forward: Patent Litigation in the Wake of COVID-19, May 28, 2020

### Publications

- Dennis Crouch & Jafon Fearson, The Standard for Awarding Attorney Fees Under 35 U.S.C. § 285 to Prevailing Parties in Patent Litigation Iss. 5 Vol. 41, ABA Preview of Supreme Court Cases 226, February 24, 2014
- Univ. MO Columbia School of Law Making the Right Step Under the Wrong Authority: Kansas's Expansion of CERCLA to Include State Statutes of Repose, Fall 2015

### Blog Posts

- The Federal Circuit Gives Patent Owners A Fighting Chance: Due Process In IPR Proceedings, June 26, 2017
- The Federal Circuit Does Not Reweigh Facts Already Considered By The PTAB, November 15, 2016
- Obviousness: Common Sense Cannot Replace Reasoned Analysis & Evidentiary Support , August 29, 2016
- Fed. Circ. Affirms PTAB Finding that Gas Furnace Patent Claims Are Unpatentable, March 18, 2016

### Presentations

- "PTAB and the District Courts," Brinks Webinar, May 18, 2017

## HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* - Intellectual Property Law, 2021

## AFFILIATIONS

- Federal Circuit Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- Richard Linn American Inn of Court
- Legal Prep Academy, Associate Board Member, 2017-Present
- Journal of Environmental & Sustainability Law, Board Member, 2014-2015
- Black Law Students Association, Academic Chair, 2014-2015
- Association of Intellectual Property & Entertainment Law, President, 2013-2015