

BIO for JANDA' CARTER

Jandá Monique Carter was born in Texas and grew up in Flint, Michigan. She graduated from the Flint Academy as valedictorian, and attended Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. After receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Engineering (Mechanical Engineering and Pre-Medicine), she pursued a Masters degree in Food Process Engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.

Jandá worked as a Project Development Engineer for General Motors Corporation in Michigan and as a New Technology Process Engineer for the Quaker Oats Company in Chicago. In 1998, Jandá received a scholarship and enrolled in University of Dayton's School of Law - with a special focus on Patent Law, E-Commerce Law and Intellectual Property. While a law student, Jandá served as the President of the Intellectual Property Law Society, as an associate editor for the UDSL Journal of Law & Technology, and as a teaching assistant for the Academic Excellence Program and the 2nd year Legal Professions Course. While in law school, Jandá worked for General Electric Aircraft Engines' IP Group (during her 2nd and 3rd years of school), and interned her first summer (split) at the US Patent and Trademark Office in Washington D.C. and at a small law firm in Peoria, and with a medium sized general practice firm in Ohio during her second summer of law school.

After graduation she moved to Cincinnati, OH and practiced as a Patent Attorney for the law firm of Frost Brown Todd LLC for 5 years – where she was the only African American female patent attorney working at a firm in the entire city, and for her first year, the only African American attorney working for the firm.

Currently, she is Corporate Counsel for Caterpillar Inc. in their Intellectual Property Law Department where she is a Supervisor responsible a team of Patent Attorneys and Patent Professionals for the Energy and Power Group (supporting numerous Caterpillar Business Units, including: Industrial and Large Engine Divisions, Electric Power, Forestry, Paving, Building Construction Products, OEM Solutions, On-Highway Trucks, Fuel Systems, Aftertreatment & Cooling, Oil & Gas, Marine and Aftermarket & Overhaul Engine Parts). Previous to her current leadership role, Jandá worked in the IP Risk Management Group negotiating IP Licensing Agreements, Joint and Master Development Agreements, as well as handling IP due diligence for Caterpillar's Mergers and Acquisitions. She was in that role for 3 years, and for the 4½ years prior to that, she was a Patent Attorney and Patent Portfolio manager responsible for the Global Mining, Transmissions, Production Systems, Logistics Research, Remanufacturing and Advanced Powertrain Research Business Units.

Jandá was recently chosen by Caterpillar's Senior Executive Vice President over Law and Public Policy as a 2014 Fellow for the Leadership Counsel on Legal Diversity (LCLD). Jandá also serves on the Licensing Subcommittee for the Intellectual Property

Organization, is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the National Bar Association, the Ohio Bar, the Illinois Bar, and is licensed to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

In her spare time, Jandá loves to read, play the flute, scrapbook, and is active with Peoria's Heritage Ensemble Choir where she sings First Soprano. She has been a member of the choir for almost 8 years and recently was a featured soloist at the Al Seers Jazz Festival where she sang *Basin Street Blues*.

Jandá is on the Board of Directors for both METEC and South Side Office of Concern, providing legal advice and counseling on a pro bono basis. Her community involvement includes being a board member of UMADAOP (Urban Minority Alcohol & Drug Abuse Outreach & Prevention), Inc., on the Board of Trustees for the Alumni Board for University of Dayton's School of Law, and on the Board of Directors for the JD Project. Jandá is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and The NAACP. Additionally, she mentors youth, is a teacher with the Peoria Street Law program, and is involved at her church.