

PUBPAT RELEASES FREE FINDING PRIOR ART FOR AN ISSUED PATENT PROGRAM

NEW YORK -- May 11, 2005 -- The Public Patent Foundation ("PUBPAT") released a free program today that details how to find prior art for issued patents. The hour long audio recording with supporting written materials uses a model patent as the basis for examples during the session. PUBPAT's program is made available as part of the organization's ongoing efforts to inform the public and provide advocacy about the patent system.

"One of the biggest problems with the patent system today is that it is not capable of being easily understood by the general public, because it has been intentionally made overly confusing and complex, highly non-intuitive, and extremely expensive for anyone to know what it all means and how patents impact them," said Dan Ravicher, PUBPAT's Executive Director and the author of the Finding Prior Art for an Issued Patent program. "The program we released today is one way in which PUBPAT is enabling the general public to better understand the patent system and defend itself from the harms caused by wrongly issued patents."

More information about PUBPAT's education and advocacy activities, including links to the Finding Prior Art for an Issued Patent program, can be found at [PUBPAT > Educating and Advocating](#).

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