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Patently Enabled February 2025 – USPTO Duty of Candor: A Bad Scheme Made Worse by New Fees

The purpose of this monthly series Patently Enabled is to share simplified patent-related information to assist non-patent practitioners in making the best decisions when considering their intellectual property rights.

In the February edition of Patently Enabled, Day Pitney Partner George Chaclas examines new USPTO fees impacting the duty of candor. Starting in 2025, patent applicants must pay escalating fees for submitting large volumes of prior art references. The article questions the effectiveness of this requirement and suggests making submissions voluntary to reduce costs and inefficiencies.

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