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Patently Enabled July 2025 – Prior User Rights Under U.S. Patent Law

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 July edition of *Patently Enabled*, Day Pitney explores the doctrine of prior user rights under U.S. patent law. The newsletter explains how a third party may continue using an invention—even after another party secures a patent—if the third party had commercially used the invention in the United States at least one year before the patent's effective filing date.

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