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Prof. Crouch is the founder, editor-in-chief, and author of the online **Patently-O** weblog. Prof. Crouch started the Patently-O blog in 2004 while an associate at McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP, and has continued to

expand and grow Patently-O since then. Patently-O is an indispensable resource to patent practitioners, and for many of us it is a mandatory daily read. Patently-O also hosts many distinguished guest contributors from academia and the bar. The Patently-O blog's quality, timeliness, and accessibility is an extraordinary resource for the patent bar and for other intellectual property practitioners.

Patently-O includes over 2,600 of Prof. Crouch's own articles discussing every precedential patent related appeal since April 2004. The site also presents extensive empirical analysis of the US patenting system. Patently-O received over 3.7 million visits in the past year in addition to over 20,000 individual opt-in subscribers to the daily e-mail option. The contents of the site are freely available online and are catalogued within LexisNexis and Westlaw. BusinessWeek reported that as of 2008 the Patently-O blog was the most widely read patent law blog, and was included in the American Bar Association Journal blog's inaugural patent blog "hall of fame" in 2012. Several recent studies placed Patently-O in the top-ten of all blogs based on the number of law review citations, court citations, readership, and overall influence. In 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 the ABA chose Patently-O as one of the top-100 legal blogs (Blawgs) and also honored Patently-O in 2008 as the top legal blog focusing on a niche area of law. Moreover, Patently-O articles have been cited numerous times in congressional and administrative testimony.

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Prof. Crouch received his BSE in mechanical engineering cum laude from Princeton University in New Jersey, where he also earned a certificate in engineering management systems. He then earned his JD cum laude from the University Of Chicago Law School. While at the University Of Chicago, he was a Microsoft, Merck, & Pfizer scholar and a member of the Olin program in law and economics.

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