

Judge Rejects Apple's Request for Permanent Ban of Samsung Smartphones



Apple had been awarded \$1.05 billion in damages in an [August verdict](#) [1]. The trial's jury found that Samsung willfully copied features of Apple's iPhone and iPad.

The Cupertino, Calif. company also [sought a permanent sales ban](#) [2] on the smartphones in question -- a formidable list of 26 devices.

Judge Koh [decided against the ban](#), [3] claiming that the features Samsung had infringed upon were only "a small fraction" of the phones' features.

"Though Apple does have some interest in retaining certain features as exclusive to Apple, it does not follow that entire products must be forever banned from the market because they incorporate, among their myriad features, a few narrow protected functions," Koh wrote in her Monday verdict.

But there was also good news for Apple on Monday. Judge Koh decided against Samsung's request for a new trial due to an alleged jury bias, meaning that the \$1.05 billion verdict still stands.

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