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**summary**

The Samsung versus Apple patent war is **in full swing**. Both companies have been striking victories and losses in various courts with each trying to **block the sales** of other's products around the world. One of the highlights of this on-going battle was the landmark U.S. court case this past August. In a lawsuit against Samsung, Apple accused the Korean company of **infringing on** its software and design patents with regard to its smartphone and tablet products. The main argument was that Samsung **blatantly copied** its hardware and interface designs. Samsung defended itself by saying that Apple's design patents are too broad. In the end, **the jury found** almost all of Apple's patent claims were **valid** and that Samsung was clearly guilty of infringing on Apple's intellectual property. It was a sweeping victory for Apple as the jury decided that Samsung would have to **pay over a billion dollars in damages**.

Even though Samsung lost the battle, the war is still far from over. Recently, a Japanese court in Tokyo ruled that Samsung's smartphones and tablets did not **violate** Apple's patents. Also back on Samsung's **home turf**, a local court decision ended in a draw as both companies were guilty of infringing on each other's core patents. Experts agree that suing each other only **hinders** innovation and highlights the flaws in the current patent system. As long as this patent war continues, it's safe to say that the only people benefiting from the chaos are the lawyers.

**Key Words**

1. 특허를 침해하다 infringe on patents; violate patents
2. 소송을 제기하다 file a lawsuit; sue; take the case to court
3. 판결 ruling
4. 평결 verdict
5. 배심원단이 애플의 손을 들어주다 the jury was in favor of Apple; the verdict was in favor of Apple; the jury was against Samsung; the jury found Samsung guilty; the jury found Samsung violating Apple's patents
6. 재판부의 결정에 항소하다 appeal the verdict; appeal the court decision
7. 판매금지 가처분 injunction (to block sales)
8. (삼성엔) 혁신에 매진해야 한다 spur more innovation
9. 베끼는 것은 이제 그만 두다 stop being a copycat
10. 선례를 남기는 판결 landmark decision; the decision sets a huge precedent
11. 혁신을 저해한다 stifle innovation; hinder innovation
12. 손해배상을 청구하다 seek damages
13. 손해배상으로 수십억 달러를 청구하다 seek billions of dollars in damages
14. 득 보는 사람은 변호사뿐이다 consumers lose and only the lawyers win

**More Key Words**

1. 본격적으로 진행되다 (patent war) is in full swing
2. 판매를 금지하다 block the sales
3. 대놓고 베끼다 blatantly copy
4. 손해배상으로 ~를 지급하다 pay over a billion dollars in damages
5. 홈 그라운드 home turf