

German court dismisses Apple, Samsung lawsuits

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(AP) -- A German court has dismissed patent lawsuits by technology giants Apple and Samsung against each other in the two companies' battle over the market for smartphones and tablet devices.

Mannheim state court spokesman Joachim Bock said judges dismissed both cases involving alleged patent infringements of the companies' respective slide-to-lock technology on <u>mobile devices</u>.

Samsung Electronics welcomed Friday's dismissal of Apple's case against the firm, but vowed to appeal the dismissal of its lawsuit against Apple. It also said a separate case regarding four alleged patent infringements is still pending with the Mannheim court.

Apple Germany was not immediately reachable for comment.

Samsung and Apple Inc. are engaged in a strategic war over patents in many countries.

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