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Apple Inc. and Samsung Electronics may be regular opponents in the courtroom and the showroom, but according to a report, they may be manufacturing partners again.

Samsung has signed a deal with Apple that will have the companies apparently working together again on chips for Apple's iOS devices, Gozmodo.com reports.

Production on the new A9 chips likely will begin in 2015, Gizmodo said, citing a report in Korea Economic Daily. Apple has signed a deal with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing to produce the A8 chip for 2014. Currently, the iPhone 5 uses the A6 chip.

Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd announced last year that it is spending \$3.9 billion in Austin to boost chip output. Samsung Austin Semiconductor employs about 2,400 people in the Austin area while Apple, which currently employs nearly 3,000 people here, is expected to double that in coming years.