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Fourth woman sues Bloomberg L.P. over discrimination

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A fourth woman has sued Bloomberg LP - the financial information company founded by Mayor Bloomberg - for alleged discrimination based on her pregnancy and maternity leave.

Monica Prestia, who was hired as a sales rep by Bloomberg LP in 1997, contends she was treated differently from male workers and was subjected to "harassment, hostile work environment and other forms of discrimination" after she became pregnant in February 2005. The suit, filed in Manhattan Federal Court in June, seeks unspecified damages.

Acting on behalf of three other women, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a separate suit on Thursday accusing the company of demoting women, diminishing their duties and excluding them from job opportunities after they disclosed they were pregnant.

The company denied Prestia's allegations in court papers. It also denied any wrongdoing in the EEOC suit.

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