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Mayor to Be Deposed in Discrimination Suit

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A lawyer said on Friday that Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg would be deposed in two weeks in connection with a discrimination lawsuit against the financial services company he founded.

The lawyer, **Richard Roth**, said Mr. Bloomberg will answer questions on May 14 related to a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of more than 80 female employees who claim they were discriminated against at Bloomberg L.P. The mayor is not a defendant in the lawsuit.

Mr. Roth, who represents several of the plaintiffs, said lawyers want to "explore how hands-on Mr. Bloomberg really was."

No trial date has been set for the lawsuit, which was brought by the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission and individual plaintiffs.

The company has said it believes the claims are without merit.