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A "dismissive" and "disinterested" Mayor Bloomberg endured a second round of deposition yesterday in the pregnancydiscrimination case against his financial news company, a lawyer involved in the questioning said.

Bloomberg remained "even-tempered," but gave "very short answers" during about 3 ½ hours of grilling, said attorney Richard Roth, who represents two of about 80 women suing the mayor's firm, Bloomberg LP.

The mayor's stance was markedly different from the cooperative attitude he displayed during his first deposition, in May, Roth said.

In a prepared statement issued by his company, one of the mayor's lawyers, Thomas Holden, said, 'Mr. Bloomberg answered every question that was asked, and he did so directly and appropriately."

A trial in Manhattan federal court is expected next year.