

## Lawyer: Bloomberg Behaved Characteristically at Deposition

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A lawyer for plaintiffs in the discrimination case, on which Mayor Bloomberg was deposed again on Monday, describes the Mayor's attitude "dismissive" questioning as and "disinterested." "I think that he believes that he has many more important things to do than sit here at this deposition," said Richard **Roth**, attorney for two of the women involved in a class action suit against Bloomberg LP. the company our Mayor founded and made successful.

Bloomberg LP lawyer Thomas Golden countered that the Mayor had answered "directly and appropriately"...

Having no law degree, we're not sure what **Roth**'s comments were meant to achieve.

Maybe he did a survey of the available literature, found that both liberals and conservatives agree on Bloomberg's general arrogance, and thought such a characterization would be an easy sell, especially as the Mayor has been so touchy about the case. (When Bloomberg previously submitted to questioning on May 14, he told a reporter to ask about it, "You'll have to ask the company, and next time don't bother to ask us a question.")

Maybe judges dock points for bad attitude. We have found this to be true in traffic court; maybe it also applies to depositions. Or maybe Bloomberg just pissed him off, and he took advantage of the rare opportunity to smack him back publicly.

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