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Bloomberg questioned in discrimination lawsuit

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(AP) - New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has been questioned for a second time about accusations that the financial data and news service that carries his name discriminated against women.

The plaintiffs' lawyers deposed Mr. Bloomberg Monday behind closed doors. City Hall didn't comment afterward.

Plaintiffs' lawyer Richard Roth said Mr. Bloomberg was questioned about his relationship with the company in recent years. Mr. Roth said the mayor sometimes seemed dismissive toward some questions.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission suit filed in 2007 claims that dozens of women who took maternity leave from Bloomberg LP were discriminated against.

Mr. Bloomberg is not a defendant. He resigned as chief executive of the company to run for mayor in 2001. However, he maintains an 85% stake in the business.

The company denies the allegations.

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