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Bloomberg Deposed in Discrimination Lawsuit

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NEW YORK -- New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has completed another round of questioning about accusations that the financial data and news service he once headed discriminated against women.

Lawyers in an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission lawsuit deposed Bloomberg behind closed doors Monday.

Bloomberg is not a defendant in the case, and resigned as chief executive of the company to run for mayor in 2001. But he maintains an 85 percent stake in the company.

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

Bloomberg company lawyer Thomas Golden said the mayor answered every question he was asked, "and he did so directly and appropriately."

City Hall did not comment on the deposition.

The 2007 lawsuit claims dozens of women who took maternity leave from Bloomberg LP were discriminated against. The company denies the allegation.

The mayor also was deposed in May.

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