

Exxon's Response to Climate-Change Case: Sue the Lawyers

As climate-change lawsuits against the oil industry mount, Exxon Mobil Corp. is taking a bare-knuckle approach rarely seen in legal disputes: It's going after the lawyers who are suing it, according to a **Bloomberg report**.

Exxon's targets include the attorneys general of New York and Massachusetts, hitting them with suits, threats of suits or demands for sworn depositions. The company claims the lawyers, public officials and environmental activists are "conspiring" against it in a coordinated legal and public relations campaign, writes **Bob Van Voris**.

He quotes Howard Erichson, an expert in complex litigation and a professor at Fordham University School of Law in New York: "It's an aggressive move. Does Exxon really need these depositions or is Exxon seeking the depositions to harass mayors and city attorneys into dropping their lawsuits?"

Read the Bloomberg report.