

5 anchorwomen sue NY1 alleging age discrimination

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NEW YORK (1010 WINS) — New York 1 became part of the news Wednesday as it has been named in an age and gender discrimination lawsuit filed in Manhattan federal court.

The suit was brought by five anchorwomen who claim there was a systematic effort by managers to force them off the air in favor of younger, less experienced hosts.

The plaintiffs include Roma Torre, one of the channel's longest-serving anchors.

She tells the New York Times, "We feel we are being railroaded out of this place...while men age on TV with a sense of gravitas, and we as women have an expiration date...and we were told to stop complaining."

The other plaintiffs are Amanda Farinacci, Vivian Lee, Jeanine Ramirez and Kristen Shaughnessy.

A spokeswoman for Charter Communications says more than half of NY1's on-air talent are female and that more than half are over 40.