


Pat Kiernan addresses discrimination lawsuit against NY1 on air

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NY1 morning host Pat Kiernan on Thursday addressed his colleagues' bombshell discrimination lawsuit against the network — though he kept mum on the allegations, some of which targeted him directly. 

Kiernan held up the front cover of the New York Post as part of his daily “In The Papers” segment that reviews the city’s news du jour.

“I want to be even-handed with this, so I’m not going to summarize their allegations, nor am I going to summarize the company’s response,” Kiernan told viewers. “I wanted you to be aware of the story so you can have a look at it yourself.”

On Wednesday, some of NY1’s most recognizable faces — Roma Torre, Kristen Shaughnessy, Jeanine Ramirez, Vivian Lee and Amanda Farinacci — filed an age and gender discrimination lawsuit claiming they’re being systematically pushed out in favor of younger, less experienced talent.

Kiernan was called out in particular by Torre, who has been with NY1 since 1992. She said the popular newsman was treated like gold — and rewarded with a state-of-the-art studio and a red-carpet celebration for his 20th anniversary with the network.

Torre claimed she didn’t get that same treatment, despite her 25 years on air. Instead, she said, she was told to “stop complaining,” according to the complaint.

Kiernan is not named as a defendant in the women’s suit, which is against Charter Communications, NY1’s parent company that merged with Time Warner Cable in 2016.