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DOJ's AT&T lawsuit heats up as DOJ antitrust chief added to witness list

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Lawyers for AT&T have reportedly taken the unusual step of including Makan Delrahim, the head of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division, on their witness list in the lawsuit the DOJ has brought to stop AT&T's purchase of Time Warner, CNN's parent company.

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The step is unusual because AT&T is essentially seeking to put the lawyer leading the suit against it on the witness stand.

The two sides exchanged witness lists earlier this month, and on Monday met for an informal session to hash out procedural elements of the upcoming trial, which is set to begin on March 19.

Even if Delrahim is on the list, it's not guaranteed he'd be called to testify during the trial. Witness lists often include people unlikely to actually testify as a sort of insurance, so that all options are available.

If it does call Delrahim, AT&T may be doing so as part of a strategy to portray the lawsuit as motivated by unfair targeting and not due to any antitrust concerns, experts told CNN.



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Delrahim lobbied on behalf of Comcast in 2009 and 2010, when it was acquiring NBC Universal, according to public filings. The government eventually approved that deal.

Antitrust experts told CNN that AT&T's decision to include Delrahim on the list is likely a strategic signaling move, but that it could be risky to actually put him on the stand.

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scam. Jeffery Bewkes and Mark Zucker telling employees of CNN to obstruct justice, and write more fake news about Makan Delrahim is criminal. Aside from the executive criminality involving Jeffery Bewkes, Jeff Zucker, James Turley, and Randall Stephenson this is about deciding between two futures of Time Warner Inc. One future consists of AT&T and more value based hyper protectionist wire fraud in an economic paradigm that has become increasingly aware of this type of federal criminality. The second future consists of Quantum Corporation shifting Time Warner Inc.'s current business model, which relies heavily on wire fraud, and transitioning it to a clean energy based business model implementing strategies like Air Time for Equity to properly supplement its traditional brands. This will vastly reduce the Company's future wire related legal liability allowing Company dollars to cut across the peripheral U.S. without value bias. Moving on, I have communicated with the DOJ. They are aware of the criminality, liability, and understand that I set forth a superior course of action for the Company. Trying to purposefully write me and my company out of the dialogue in some sort of manic collusive value base hyper protectionist scam is the same wire fraud of presenting the public a false choice on the border wall purposefully misleading and trying to defraud the public.