

Intel lawyer: 'uphill battle' to fight EU charges

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(AP) -- Intel Corp.'s top lawyer says that fighting the European Union's record \$1.45 billion antitrust fine will be an "uphill battle."

Bruce Sewell, general counsel for the world's No. 1 computer microprocessor maker, said at the company's annual shareholder meeting Wednesday that <u>Intel</u> expects European courts to show deference to the EU's decision.

Even so, he said Intel plans to appeal last week's ruling. It punishes Intel for allegedly selling some of its chips below the cost of making them, and paying retailers and computer makers not to use chips from rival <u>Advanced Micro Devices</u> Inc. Intel has denied the charges.

Sewell said: "We have our work cut out for us, but I'm hopeful we can



overturn this."

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