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Judge says we're starting at 9:30 a.m. Why don't we start on time?

If the jury is on time to court, if the attorneys are time to court, if the litigants are on time to court, why is it that on some days, court just doesn't start on time? You want to know the answer? Come join me for a moment as I share with you some great inside information about how these types of lawsuits, civil lawsuits, work here in the state of New York.

Hi, I'm Gerry Oginski. I'm a New York medical malpractice and personal injury attorney practicing law here in the state of New York. Now, at the very beginning of a trial, the judge is going to tell the jury they must be on time when he tells them to be, same thing with the attorneys, same thing with the litigants. The judge expects everybody to be on time. Why is it that some days when everybody is on time we're not starting the trial on time? Let's say the judge says you've got to be here at 9:30 each and every day, so now everybody involved, everybody's in the court at 9:30, but the judge is nowhere to be found. The judge is not in the courtroom.

There are instances where the judge has to deal with other matters that he is taking care of. There are instances where a judge will be in the middle of trying to negotiate another case, and now he cannot simply stop that negotiation process and begin our trial even though he's told everybody to be there at 9:30. That's what on some occasions, the judge is not in the courtroom, yet everybody else is. The jury's waiting, the attorneys are waiting, the litigants are waiting, and now everybody's looking at their watch wondering, I don't understand. The judge told us to be here at 9:30. It's now 10:00, 10:30, we still haven't gotten started.

It's likely that the judge has other issues to deal with, and as soon as he's done with that, he's going to come into the courtroom. He'll then

apologize to everybody in the courtroom and now we'll move forward, so now you know the answer about why, even though all the parties to the case are present in the courtroom, and why we're not starting on time.

I realize you're watching this because you have questions or concerns about your own particular matter. If your matter did happen here in New York and it involves either an accident matter or medical malpractice, or God forbid, a wrongful death matter, and you've got questions and you're thinking about bringing a lawsuit, what I invite you to do is pick up the phone and call me. I can answer your legal questions. This is something I do every single days, and I'd love to chat with you. You can reach me at 516-487-8207 or by email at gerry@oginski-law.com. That's it for today's video. I'm Gerry Oginski. Have a fantastic day.