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Is the defense attorney on your case ever going to be your friend?

I want to share a secret with you. Come on in, come closer, because this secret is really important if you're choosing whether or not to bring a lawsuit for an accident matter, or a medical malpractice, or wrongful death matter that happened here in New York. The question I have for you is; is the defense attorney ever going to be your friend? Do you know why I ask that question? Come join me for a moment as I share with you this great information.

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.

Let me just get it right out of the way. The defense attorney is never, ever going to be your friend. You want to know why not? Because the defense attorney is there to do a job representing the people you have sued, whether it's a car accident case, or a medical malpractice case, or a wrongful death case. He may be very nice when you questions you in your pre-trial testimony known as a deposition. He might be very sweet. He might be very sympathetic. He might ever apologize to you for having to go this lawsuit process. Guess what? He's not your friend. If he says nice things to you, if he waits for you, if he's polite to you, if he extends every courtesy to you, does that mean that he's your friend? No, he's only doing that for one or two reason. One is that he might truly be a genuinely nice human being. The second, and more likely reason is, he wants to develop some sort of bond with you during your pre-trial questioning. Why would he do that? He wants you to be able to talk. The nicer he is, the more you think that he will like you if you give good answers and longer answers.

Well, you will find out that your attorney is going to prepare you prior to your pre-trial questioning and you will learn that the defense attorney is not and is never going to be your friend. You know what he does? The defense attorney's job is to observe every single thing that you do. To record every answer that you give and response to his questions. Then, he prepares a detailed, [lengthy 00:01:59] report to the insurance company and he now

evaluates what kind of witness you're going to be at trial. He now determines whether or not a jury is going to like you. That's so important. Is the jury going to like you? Are you nasty? Are you obnoxious? Are you a sweet, little, old grandmother? He's going to make that note and that observation and then he's going to give the insurance company his own opinions about whether or not you are threatening to their case. To their defense.

Why do I share this great information with you? I share it with you just to give you a behind the scenes look at what really goes on in these litigations and these cases here in New York. You know, I acknowledge and I recognize you're really watching this video because you likely have questions or concerns about your own particular matter.

If you're considering bringing a lawsuit and now you have questions that need to be answered first, what I encourage you to do is pick up the phone and call me. I can answer your legal questions. You know, this is something that I do every single day 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 wonderful day!