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Can You Bring Your Friends to Court to Watch Your Trial?

When you bring a civil lawsuit seeking compensation for all the harms and losses you've suffered because of someone else's carelessness, and your case goes to trial, can you bring in friends and family to come in and support you and cheer you on during the course of your lawsuit? Do you want to know the answer? Come and join me for a moment as I share with you some 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. The answer is, yes you can. There can be bystanders in court. There can be attorneys in court. There can be family members, colleagues, friends, that come to sit with you in court. Now, you're not going to have a cheering section that they'll be able to clap after everything favorable comes in, or yell out "Boo" as if they're at a stadium and now that somebody they don't like gets up to bat. They won't be able to do that, but they can lend their support by being there with you, by watching, by learning, by sitting there with you. Yes, you can have that type of support there. They'll sit with you in the back of the courtroom.

Many injured victims, many litigants, are concerned, because they don't know whether or not they can bring a friend, a spouse, someone to go and sit with them while they're in the courtroom. The answer is yes. The courtroom is public. It's open to the public. Anybody can come in, sit down, and observe. If you feel that it's necessary to go ahead and bring a spouse, bring a friend, bring a colleague, somebody who's going to be there to support you, and sit with you, and listen and observe with you, yes, you can absolutely do that.

Why do I share this great information with you? I share it with you because this question comes up as the litigant gets to trial, and now they want to know, are they going to have to sit there, day after day for eight hours a day, just sitting by themselves. Can they bring a friend, a relative, a colleague to sit with them and support them emotionally, as this case pro-

gresses? I realize you're watching this video because you have questions or concerns about your own particular matter. If your matter did happen here in New York and you're thinking about bringing a lawsuit, but you have questions that need answers, what I encourage you to do is, pick up the phone and call me. I can answer your legal questions. This is something I do every single day and I'd love to talk to you. You can reach me at 516-487-8207 or by e-mail at Gerry@oginski-law.com. That's it for today's video. I'm Gerry Oginski. Have a great day.