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Another hung jury! Judge tries to get the parties to settle case

The jury can't reach a decision. It's a civil law suit. Why is the judge going to try and encourage both sides to come together in order to try and settle the case before sending the jury home and ending the case? You want to know the answer? Come 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 in the state of New York. Now, it's an accident case, or even a medical malpractice case, or even a wrongful death case, the trial is over, the jury is deliberating. The jury has come back multiple times telling the judge they cannot reach a decision about who is more likely right than wrong. Now, before discharging the jury, sending them home, and ending the trial without any result whatsoever, the judge calls the attorneys in and encourages them to try and settle the case before he sends them home.

Now, why would he do that? He wants to do that because he doesn't want this entire trial to be a total waste, to be a total bust. When a jury cannot reach a decision, what that means is all the effort, all the time, all the energy, and the resources that the attorneys, and the parties, and litigants, and the court have put into a particular trial, whether it's a week long trial, two weeks, three weeks, or some other period of time, if the jury can't reach a decision, now all of that time, and effort, and energy has been for absolutely nothing. Nothing has been accomplished, and now what the judge will have to do ultimately is send the jury home and tell the attorneys, "Listen, Monday morning we're going to start trial all over again. You guys go pick a new jury. We're going to have this case all over again."

Now, you have to go through and have another trial just on the same exact issues all because this one jury, this panel of jurors, could not

reach a decision. The judge wants to see if he can get settlement negotiations going forward, and possibly even settling this case, so that the case doesn't have to be retried all over again, and now take up everybody's time including the court's time, so that's why he'll try and encourage the two attorney's, the two sides, to get together and see if there's any possibility of resolving the case before he sends the jury home.

Why do I share this great information with you? I share it with you because nobody talks about what happens during the course of trial, especially now, during the course of jury deliberation when the jury can't come to a decision. You know I realize you're watching this because you've got questions or concerns about your own particular matter. Well, if your matter did happen here in New York, and you're thinking about bringing a lawsuit, the very beginning, but you have questions, and you need those questions answered, what I encourage you to do is pick up the phone and call me. I can answer those questions. You know I answer questions like those 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 fantastic day.