

# NEW YORK INJURY TIMES



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## IN THIS MONTH'S EDITION:

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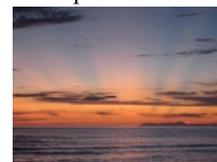
*Photos of a visit to  
Gatorland, a  
Pumpkin Farm, and  
Disney*

## A Thanksgiving Anniversary!

This is my 7 year anniversary being a solo practitioner! I've been in practice for over 21 years now, and I was looking for a topic to write about in this month's newsletter when I came across a newsletter I wrote back in May 2006. The main article was "**You've Been Googled. Now You Have to Shut Down Your Website.**" In the article I mentioned that if you Googled my name, "Gerry Oginski," Google returned results showing 953 websites that referred to me and my website. If you Googled my name without quotes, you'd get 12,500 references to my name.

I decided to see how those numbers have changed since 3 1/2 years ago. Using my name "Gerry Oginski," Google now shows 85,400 references to my name. When you remove the quotes, Google shows 142,000 references. Wow! What a difference a few years make. Also, looking back at my original newsletters, I see how simple they were. I started out with black & white, then moved to color. Then, when I got more experience, I started adding photos and changing layouts each month. Now, I offer a main article, usually related to medical malpractice or personal injury law. I include a trivia game that everyone loves to read, especially my mother-in-law! When I have time, I add another segment of my Never-ending fictional story, as I've done in this issue; I hope you like it- I did. Recently, I have also started to include photo galleries showing you places I've been and pictures that I think you'd find interesting.

Creating and publishing this newsletter has been a great way to keep in touch with each of you. I receive compliments with every



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newsletter thanking me for send my newsletter to you, my friends, colleagues, clients and former clients. In all the years I've been creating newsletters, I'm happy to say that nobody has ever asked to be taken off my list. (Whether they actually read the newsletters, I can't say for sure.)

In the rest of this article, I want to take a moment and **THANK YOU** for allowing me to come into your home each month (usually each month, although sometimes it's every two or three months) with my newsletter. In case you didn't know, I also have an email newsletter that I send out every two weeks. If you're not on my email list, you should be. In my e-mail newsletter I cover different topics than what you usually find in my hardcopy newsletter.

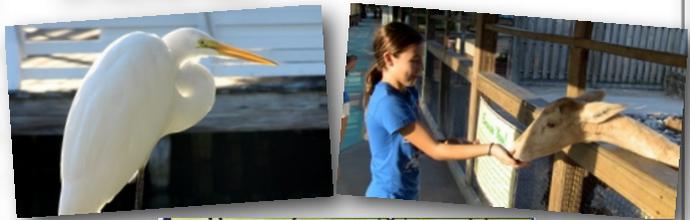
I am amazed that with each e-mail newsletter I send out, I get reply e-mails from people across the country either asking me legal questions; commenting on an article or blog I wrote; or just thanking me for keeping in touch with them.

When proof-reading this month's newsletter I was kind of shocked to see how much I talked about what I do. I rarely, if ever, talk about myself in my writings online or off. Instead, I much prefer educating my audience about what I've learned and how I can help you when you have a legal problem within my area of expertise. I like to voice my opinion on the topic of the day as well; whether that includes health-care reform, the tort-reform battle; and speaking up for injured victims who cannot speak for themselves.

I will also tell you that with over 200 educational videos that I have online, people leave comments all the time expressing their thoughts about the content I have in my videos. 99.9% of the comments are very kind and generous. The other tiny percentage are not. Did you know that I leave those comments

up online even though I have the ability to remove them? It's true. "Why would you leave nasty comments online about a video you created to help educate a legal consumer?"

Simple. I want everyone to read the comments and come to their own conclusions about whether my video was educational and useful. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, no matter how much I disagree with it. I may reply to a negative comment, but for the most part, I just leave it to dissipate into the internet ether.



Actual sign at Gatorland



## GREAT THANKSGIVING GIFT IDEA - SEND A BOOK!

Know someone who would benefit from learning how medical malpractice lawsuits in New York work? Send me an email and I'll gladly send my book **DOCTORS GONE WILD** to them with a note letting them know that you were thinking of them. You can send me a note to [lawmed10@yahoo.com](mailto:lawmed10@yahoo.com). They'll thank you for your thoughtfulness and so will I.

# GERRY'S TRIVIA GAME

TEST YOUR LEGAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Lawyers are able to guarantee results. TRUE OR FALSE?
2. Mediation is cheaper than a trial and an appeal. TRUE OR FALSE?
3. In a death case (not involving a municipality or action against the State), you generally have only 2 years from the date of death to file suit. TRUE OR FALSE?
4. You can get out of jury duty by claiming you are inherently prejudiced like Archie Bunker. TRUE OR FALSE?
5. A closing statement itemizes how much your attorney has spent on your case. TRUE OR FALSE?
6. A subpoena is used to compel a witness to testify. TRUE OR FALSE?
7. A medical malpractice lawsuit takes 2-3 years to complete. TRUE OR FALSE?
8. A patient who loses their case at trial must reimburse the people they have sued. TRUE OR FALSE?
9. A 30 second TV commercial saying "Have you been injured?" helps you decide which attorney is right for your case. TRUE OR FALSE?
10. Insurance companies do everything possible to hold onto their money for as long as possible. TRUE OR FALSE?

**BONUS:** A motion for JNOV is made at the beginning of the case? TRUE or FALSE?

### GERRY'S NEVER-ENDING FICTIONAL STORY

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said Jimmy. It turns out that Hillary was wearing a dress under her tuxedo (don't ask).

Jimmy quickly shed his clothes while Hillary stole a quick glance, and then unceremoniously put on Hillary's ruffled dress. It was pink with white thule and rhinestones down the side. (Don't ask, I didn't.) Anyway, Jimmy grabbed Hillary's wig; (you did know she had a wig on, didn't you?) and asked for her lipstick. They exchanged shoes, and Jimmy put on Hillary's high-heeled shoes. Oy! What a sight. It's a good thing that Jimmy didn't need a shave.

"Hurry. Put on your tuxedo and pretend you're my date. Here...take my shoes. We just walk right up to the Russian President and you introduce me as Lady Tilden from the House of Lords in England."

Hillary took one look at Jimmy and burst out laughing. She quickly pulled out her iPhone and took a photo. As Jimmy was applying 'her' lipstick, she sent the photo to President Obama with a note that this is her 'date' and they were having a smashing time.

They both exited the bathroom and calmly made their way downstairs to the reception area.

The Russian President was still in the receiving line and Hillary and Jimmy cut the line with brief apologies while pointing to their watches; as if to say they were in a hurry. At that moment, the President's security man sneezed and closed his eyes for a fraction of a second.

"Mr. President, may I introduce Lady Tilden from the House of Lords in England," announced Hillary quietly. Jimmy held up his hand for the President to grab, in high society style and waited a brief moment. The President, being politically correct took her hand and leaned over to kiss it.

Just then, Jimmy knew. The security agent recognized Jimmy. He pushed the president out of the way and tackled Jimmy. Hillary's bodyguards then jumped on the Russian security agent and then a free-for-all occurred. It looked like Monday night football with a huge pile-on.

Jimmy crawled out of the pile and ran for the exit with his 'date' right behind him. They ran down the steps. Hillary's limo was in front waiting. Jimmy pulled open the door and threw himself inside. Hillary catapulted herself into the slow-moving limo. "Step on it Umberto! NOW!" yelled Hillary.

*Till next time...stay tuned.*

## GERRY'S NEVER-ENDING FICTIONAL STORY

Jimmy knew that he had to get to the Russian President, but didn't know how he'd evade the head of security. He decided to walk over casually to Hillary and bend her ear; not literally of course. He explained that without the information about when the Russian President would cease to exist meant that his mission would be a failure.

Hillary called over the head of her security contingent. Bill James was a career secret service man with 20 years on the job. Bill told Madame Secretary that he'd handle it. Jimmy waited

with Hillary eating baked pastries from the foothills of Siberia. It tasted like cardboard. They both watched as Bill and two of his secret service buddies grabbed a bottle of champagne and headed over to the Russian security leader. Bill told the Russian colleague they needed to talk. The Russian was not that stupid and politely declined, while looking to the Russian President to make sure that Jimmy was nowhere in sight.

Just then, Jimmy had an idea. He grabbed Hillary, politely, and told her to come quickly with him. They headed upstairs and into the ladies room. Hillary was confused but didn't say anything. Once inside, Jimmy locked the door and ordered Hillary to get undressed. "WHAT???" she practically screamed. "Shhh...no, no. It's not what you think. I need your dress...and your wig."

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Give this newsletter to your best friend.  
They'll thank you for it, and so will I.

Answers to Trivia Game: 1. False, 2. True, 3. True, 4. False, 5. True, 6. True, 7. True, 8. False, 9. False, 10. True **BONUS: False**

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