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Stephen Z. Williamson:

Once all the discovery is complete in a lawsuit, and the plaintiff feels that he or she has everything they need to prove their case at trial, we file a document called the Note of Issue. And the Note of issue places us on the trial calendar, and that's something that happens whether your case is venued in Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx or Manhattan. When you file the Note of Issue and you get placed on the trial calendar, it simply means you're now online waiting for your day in court. Waiting for the time when your case will come up with all the other cases in line for trial.