

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 99-382V

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QUINTON O. RIGGINS, JR.,

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Petitioner,

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Attorney fees and costs

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v.

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SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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*Clifford John Shoemaker, Shoemaker and Associates, Vienna, V.A., for Petitioner.*  
*Ann Donohue Martin, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.*

### ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS DECISION<sup>1</sup>

**GOLKIEWICZ**, Special Master.

On March 3, 2011, the parties to this case filed a Stipulation of Fact Concerning Supplemental Attorney's Fees and Costs [hereinafter "Fee Stipulation"]. Following appeals of the original award of attorney's fees in this case, petitioner filed a supplemental application for fees and costs on February 2, 2011, which primarily pertained to fees and costs incurred as a result of petitioner's appeals. Fee Stipulation at ¶ 2-3. The Fee Stipulation states that "in informal discussions, respondent raised objections to certain items in petitioner's supplemental application. In response to these objections, petitioner has amended her Supplemental Application for Attorney's Fees and Costs in this matter to request reimbursement for a total of \$25,081.44 in attorney's fees and costs." Fee Stipulation at ¶ 4. Further, "[t]he parties now agree that a decision should be entered awarding supplemental attorney's fees and costs payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney in the amount [of \$25,081.44]." Fee Stipulation at ¶ 5.

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<sup>1</sup> The undersigned intends to post this decision on the website for the United States Court of Federal Claims, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). **As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction "of any information furnished by that party (1) that is a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, the entire decision will be available to the public. Id. Any motion for redaction must be filed by no later than fourteen (14) days after filing date of this filing.** Further, consistent with the statutory requirement, a motion for redaction must include a proposed redacted decision, order, ruling, etc. See also *Langland v. Sec'y of the Dept. of Health & Human Servs.*, No 07-36V (Fed. Cl. Spec. Mstr. February 3, 2011)(Order granting in part and denying in part petitioners' request for redaction)(discussing pertinent law regarding redaction).

The court hereby awards the petitioner attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$25,081.44. **Specifically, petitioners are awarded a lump sum of \$25,081.44 in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and petitioner's attorney.**

The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment accordingly.<sup>2</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/ Gary J. Golkiewicz  
Gary J. Golkiewicz  
Special Master

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<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties can expedite entry of judgment by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review by a United States Court of Federal Claims judge.