In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 07-437V Filed: February 13, 2009

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ASHLEY ERIN WILLIAMS,	*	
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Petitioner,	*	Attorney's Fees and Costs
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v. SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT	*	
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OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,	*	
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Respondent.	*	
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<u>DECISION</u>¹

The parties contacted the undersigned's office on February 12, 2009 to inform the undersigned's office that the parties informally resolved attorney's fees and costs in this matter. Specifically, respondent does not object to petitioner's request for fees and costs in the amount of \$22,065.00 in attorney's fees and \$3,384.99 in attorney's costs; for a grand total of \$25,449.99 in attorney's fees and costs. Petitioner incurred no costs in this matter. See Petitioner's General Order No.9 Statement, filed Nov. 25, 2008.

After considering the request, the court finds that an award in the amount of **\$25,449.99** in attorney's fees and costs to be reasonable. The court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter.

¹The undersigned intends to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, 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 trade secret or commercial or financial information and is privileged or confidential, or (2) that are medical files and 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. <u>Id.</u>

Accordingly, pursuant to Vaccine Rule 13, petitioners are hereby awarded a **total of \$25,449.99 in attorney's fees and costs.** The judgment shall reflect that petitioner is awarded \$25,449.99 for her counsel's fees and costs in a check made payable jointly to petitioner and petitioner's counsel. The Clerk is directed to enter judgment according to this decision.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Gary J. Golkiewicz Chief Special Master

² 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.