

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 10-0610V
(Not to be published)

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PETER CIESZEWSKI, *
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 Petitioner, *
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 v. *
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND *
HUMAN SERVICES *
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 Respondent. *
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Filed: August 1, 2012

Decision on Attorney’s
Fees and Costs

DECISION¹ (ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS)

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,² I issued a decision on January 13, 2012. On July 17, 2012, the petitioner filed an application for attorney’s fees and costs in this matter. That application requests a total payment of \$23,724.29, representing attorney’s fees of \$19,587.80, and attorney’s costs of \$4,136.49. In accordance with General Order #9, petitioner filed a statement, on July 27, 2012, that petitioner incurred no reimbursable costs in pursuit of his claim. Respondent’s counsel, Justine Daigneault, contacted a member of my staff by telephone on July 31, 2012, to report that respondent does not object to the amounts claimed.

I find that this petition was brought in good faith and that there existed a reasonable basis for the claim. Therefore, an award for fees and costs is appropriate, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amount seems reasonable and appropriate.

¹ The undersigned intends to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). 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. Id.

² The applicable statutory provisions defining the program are found at 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 *et seq.* (2006).

Accordingly, I hereby award the total \$23,724.29 as a lump sum in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and petitioner's counsel, Ronald C. Homer.

In the absence of a timely-filed motion for review filed pursuant to Appendix B of the Rules of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.

IT IS SO ORDERED

/s/ George L. Hastings, Jr.
George L. Hastings, Jr.
Special Master