

**In the United States Court of Federal Claims**  
**OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS**  
**No. 11-0317V**  
**(Not to be published)**

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ERICA ZANCO, surviving widow  
of Santo B. Zanco, deceased,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES

Respondent.

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Filed: November 4, 2011

Decision on Attorneys'  
Fees and Costs

**DECISION<sup>1</sup> (ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS)**

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,<sup>2</sup> I issued an Order Concluding Proceedings on October 24, 2011. On November 3, 2011, petitioner filed an application for attorneys' fees and costs. That application requests a total payment of \$14,084.37, representing attorneys' fees of \$11,349.50, and costs of \$2,734.87. Petitioner represents that respondent does not oppose the amounts requested. In accordance with General Order #9, petitioner also filed a "Statement," on November 3, 2011, declaring that she had incurred no personal costs in this matter.

An award for fees and costs is appropriate at this time, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amounts seem reasonable and appropriate. **Accordingly, I hereby award the total \$14,084.37 as a lump sum in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner, and to petitioner's counsel, Lee Burdette.**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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