In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 10-529V Filed: April 30, 2012

DARLEEN DOHM,

Petitioner,

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

Stipulation; attorneys' fees and costs; personal litigation costs; award in the amount to which respondent does not object

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

<u>Stefini W. Salles</u>, Huval, Veazey, Felder & Renegar, LLC, Covington, LA for Petitioner; <u>Lara A. Englund</u>, United States Dep't of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

DECISION ON FEES AND COSTS¹

LORD, Special Master.

On March 8, 2012, the parties in the above-captioned case filed a Stipulation of Fact memorializing their agreement as to the appropriate amount of attorneys' fees and costs in this case. After informal discussions with Respondent, Petitioner requests a total award of \$25,380.16 in attorneys' fees and costs. In accordance with General Order #9, Petitioner's counsel represents that Petitioner incurred no reimbursable personal litigation costs. Respondent does not object to this request. <u>Id</u>.

The Vaccine Act permits an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e). After reviewing the request, the court finds the stipulated amount of \$25,380.16 in attorneys' fees and costs to be reasonable. Based on the request's reasonableness, the undersigned **<u>GRANTS</u>** the parties' request as outlined in the Stipulation of Fact.

Accordingly, pursuant to Vaccine Rule 13, Petitioner is awarded a total of **\$25,380.16** in attorneys' fees and costs. The judgment shall reflect that Petitioner is awarded fees and costs as follows:

¹ In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to file a proper motion seeking redaction of medical or other information that satisfies the criteria in 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4)(B). Redactions ordered by the special master, if any, will appear in the document as posted on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website.

A lump sum of \$25,380.16 in the form of a check payable jointly to Petitioner and Petitioner's counsel, Stefini W. Salles, Huval, Veazey, Felder & Renegar, LLC, for attorneys' fees and costs available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e).

The Court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter. In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC, Appendix B, the Clerk is directed to enter judgment accordingly.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

<u>s/ Dee Lord</u> Dee Lord 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.