

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 00-357V

Filed: May 16, 2012

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MARIAN UNDERWOOD, as Parent of	)	
and Legal Representative of the Estate of,	)	NOT TO BE PUBLISHED
CESAR ZACHARY MORENO, deceased,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
v.	)	Stipulation; attorneys' fees and
	)	costs; personal litigation costs;
SECRETARY OF	)	award in the amount to which
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,	)	respondent does not object
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Respondent.	)	
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Ronald C. Homer, Conway, Homer & Chin-Caplan, P.C., Boston, MA, for Petitioner;  
Ryan D. Pyles, United States Dep't of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

### **DECISION ON FEES AND COSTS**<sup>1</sup>

**LORD**, Special Master.

On May 15, 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 \$15,397.00 in attorneys' fees and costs. In accordance with General Order #9, Petitioner's counsel represents that Petitioner incurred \$364.38 in reimbursable personal litigation costs. Respondent does not object to this request.

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 \$15,397.00 in attorneys' fees and costs and \$364.38 in Petitioner's out-of-pocket expenses to be reasonable. Based on the request's reasonableness, the undersigned **GRANTS** the parties' request as outlined in the Stipulation of Fact.

Accordingly, pursuant to Vaccine Rule 13, Petitioner is awarded a total of **\$15,761.38** in attorneys' fees and costs and out-of-pocket litigation costs. The judgment shall reflect that Petitioner is awarded fees and costs as follows:

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**(1) A lump sum of \$15,397.00 in the form of a check payable jointly to Petitioner and Petitioner's counsel, Ronald C. Homer, Conway, Homer & Chin-Caplan, P.C., for attorneys' fees and costs available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e); and**

**(2) A lump sum of \$364.38 in the form of a check payable to Petitioner only for personal litigation costs.**

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.<sup>2</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/ Dee Lord  
Dee Lord  
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.