

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 12-86V

Filed: May 15, 2013

Not for Publication

\*\*\*\*\*

JOHN VALUCKAS and  
CYNDI VALUCKAS,  
parents of P.V., a minor,

Petitioners,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*  
\*

Attorneys' Fees & Costs Decision

\*\*\*\*\*

Ronald C. Homer, Boston, MA, for petitioners.  
Lisa A. Watts, Washington, DC, for respondent.

**MILLMAN, Special Master**

### **DECISION AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS<sup>1</sup>**

On May 3, 2013, petitioners filed Petitioners' Application for Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Petitioners request \$17,970.97 in attorneys' fees and costs. In accordance with the General Order #9 requirement, petitioners' counsel asserts that petitioners incurred \$651.54 in costs in pursuit of their petition. On May 15, 2013, respondent filed a status report indicating that respondent does

---

<sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this unpublished decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub.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). Vaccine Rule 18(b) states that all decisions of the special masters will be made available to the public unless they contain trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged and confidential, or medical or similar information whose disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. When such a decision is filed, petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact such information prior to the document's disclosure. If the special master, upon review, agrees that the identified material fits within the banned categories listed above, the special master shall redact such material from public access.

not object to Petitioners' Application for Attorneys' Fees and Costs. The undersigned finds \$17,970.97 in attorneys' fees and costs to be reasonable. Accordingly, the court awards:

- a. **\$17,319.43**, representing reimbursement for attorneys' fees and costs. The award shall be in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioners and Conway, Homer & Chin-Caplan, P.C. in the amount of **\$17,319.43**; and
- b. **\$651.54**, representing reimbursement for petitioners' costs. The award shall be in the form of a check payable to petitioners in the amount of **\$651.54**.

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment herewith.<sup>2</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: May 15, 2013

/s/ Laura D. Millman by /s/ Nora Beth Dorsey  
Laura D. Millman  
Special Master

---

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by each party, either separately or jointly, filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.