

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

JESSICA VEGA,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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No. 08-429V
Special Master Christian J. Moran

Filed: March 20, 2012

Attorneys' fees and costs; award in
the amount to which respondent
does not object.

UNPUBLISHED DECISION ON FEES AND COSTS¹

Anne C. Toale, Maglio Christopher and Toale, Sarasota, FL, for Petitioner;
Debra A. Filteau Begley, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

Petitioner Jessica Vega filed an application for attorneys' fees and costs on March 19, 2012. The Court awards the amount to which respondent does not object.

Ms. Vega claimed that the human papillomavirus vaccine caused an adverse reaction and received compensation based upon the parties' stipulation. Decision, filed Jan. 3, 2012. Because Ms. Vega received compensation, she is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e).

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post it on the United States Court of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).

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 clearly be an unwarranted invasion of privacy. When such a decision or designated substantive order is filed, the person submitting the information has 14 days to identify and to move to delete such information before the document's disclosure. If the special master agrees that the identified material fits within the categories listed above, the special master shall redact such material from public access. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4)(B); Vaccine Rule 18(b).

Ms. Vega seeks a total of **\$59,401.06** in attorneys' fees and costs for petitioner's counsel. Additionally, Ms. Vega filed a statement of costs in compliance with General Order No. 9, stating that she incurred no litigation expenses while pursuing this claim. Respondent stated that she had no objection to this application for attorneys' fees and costs.

After reviewing the request, the court awards a check made payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney in the amount of **\$59,401.06** for attorneys' fees and other litigation costs. The court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter.

The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

S/ Christian J. Moran

Christian J. Moran
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.