

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

SAUNDRA C. ROMANO,

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No. 09-447V

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Special Master Christian J. Moran

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Petitioner,

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v.

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Filed: May 11, 2010

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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attorneys' fees and costs, joint
stipulation, award in the amount to
which respondent has not objected.

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Respondent.

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UNPUBLISHED DECISION¹

Lisa A. Roquemore, Esq., Broker & Associates, PC, Irvine, CA, for Petitioner;
Linda S. Renzi, Esq., U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

Petitioner, Sandra Romano, seeks reimbursement for her attorneys' fees and costs. She is awarded the amount to which respondent has not objected.

Ms. Romano was awarded compensation. Therefore, she is entitled to an award of reasonable 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¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post it on the United States Court of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).

On April 14, 2010, Ms. Romano filed her application for attorneys' fees and costs. Respondent raised some informal objections to parts of the fee application. Negotiations and resolution of the objections followed.

On April 29, 2010, the parties filed a joint stipulation regarding Ms. Romano's attorneys' fees and costs (attached as Appendix A). Ms. Romano also provided the court with a statement of costs in compliance with General Order No. 9, stating that she incurred no litigation costs.

After reviewing the request, the undersigned finds the requested amounts reasonable. Thus, petitioner is awarded attorneys' fees and other litigation costs. Those fees and costs are awarded as follows:

A lump sum of \$43,861.96 in the form of a check payable to petitioner and petitioner's counsel of record, Lisa Roquemore, Esq.

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.

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**JOINT STIPULATION OF ATTORNEYS'
FEES AND EXPENSES**

On April 14, 2010, petitioner filed an Application for Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Based upon respondent's objections, petitioner has amended her application for fees and costs, and the parties now stipulate to the following:

1. Lisa A. Roquemore, Esq., of Broker & Associates, is the attorney of record in this matter;
2. Petitioner filed an Application for Attorneys' fees and costs on April 14, 2010;
3. In informal discussions, respondent raised objections to certain items in petitioner's application. Based on those discussions, petitioner amended her application for fees and costs and requests reimbursement as indicated below:

Lisa A. Roquemore, Esq. - \$39,276.00 in attorneys' fees;
and

Lisa A. Roquemore, Esq. - \$4,585.96 in costs;

4. Pursuant to General Order #9, petitioner avers that she incurred no reimbursable costs in pursuit of her claim.
5. This stipulation reflects payment for all attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in this case.

Respondent does not object to the amended fees and costs set forth above.

Petitioner has reviewed this joint stipulation and agrees with the contents herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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