

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 07-260V

Date: March 23, 2010

Not for Publication

CHRISTINA CARUNO, *

Petitioner, *

v. * Attorneys' Fees and Costs

SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF *
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

Ronald C. Homer, Boston, MA, for petitioner.
Glenn MacLeod, Washington, DC, for respondent.

MILLMAN, Special Master

DECISION AWARDING INTERIM ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS¹

On March 4, 2010, petitioner filed an Application for Interim Fees and Costs totaling **\$77,623.74**. Petitioner requested **\$44,930.20** in attorneys' fees and **\$32,336.44** in attorneys' costs. In compliance with General Order #9, petitioner stated that she incurred **\$357.10** in interim expenses in connection with the above-captioned claim.

On March 22, 2010, both parties contacted the undersigned's law clerk and informed the

¹ Because this decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this 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 delete 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 delete such material from public access.

court that they reached an agreement on a revised amount for the interim award. Petitioner now requests **\$73,266.64** in interim attorneys' fees and costs. Consistent with the original filing, petitioner requests and respondent's counsel does not object to **\$357.10** for petitioner's costs. The total amount of petitioner's revised interim request is **\$73,623.74**. The court finds the revised amount requested by petitioner to be reasonable.

The clerk shall enter judgment for **\$73,623.74** and shall direct that the award be disbursed as follows:

- (1) A check made jointly payable to petitioner and Mr. Ronald Homer in the amount of **\$73,266.64**; and
- (2) A check made payable to petitioner in the amount of **\$357.10**.

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.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 23, 2010

/s/ Laura D. Millman
Laura D. Millman
Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by each party's filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.