

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 07-175V

(Not to be published)

MEGAN VAUGHAN, on behalf of her daughter, AURORA LEIGH HUSK,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Respondent.

Filed: May 14, 2013

Decision on Attorneys' Fees and Costs

DECISION¹ (ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS)

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,² the parties filed a stipulation on May 8, 2013, concerning attorney's fees and costs in this matter. The parties' stipulation requests a total payment of \$115,000.00, representing attorney's fees and costs. In accordance with General Order #9, the stipulation includes a statement that Petitioner incurred no reimbursable costs in pursuit of her claim.

I find that this petition was brought in good faith and that there existed a reasonable basis for the claim. Therefore, an award for fees and costs is appropriate, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amount seems reasonable and appropriate. **Accordingly, I hereby award the total \$115,000.00, as a**

¹ The undersigned intends to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction "of any information furnished by that party (1) that is trade secret or commercial or financial information and is privileged or confidential, or (2) that are medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, "the entire" decision will be available to the public. Id.

² The applicable statutory provisions defining the program are found at 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 *et seq.* (2006).

lump sum in the form of a check payable jointly to Petitioner and Petitioner's counsel, Paul S. Dannenberg.

In the absence of a timely-filed motion for review filed pursuant to Appendix B of the Rules of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.

IT IS SO ORDERED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Hamilton-Fieldman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa Hamilton-Fieldman
Special Master