

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 05-1266V

Filed: February 17, 2012

Not for Publication

SHAWNTE AYALEW, *
on behalf of her minor daughter, *
SYDNEY JONES, *

Petitioner, *

Attorneys' Fees and Costs Decision

v. *

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

Respondent. *

Peter H. Meyers, Washington, DC, for petitioner.

Julia W. McInerny, Washington, DC, for respondent.

MILLMAN, Special Master

DECISION AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS¹

On February 17, 2012, the parties communicated that they reached an agreement on an amount for attorneys' fees and costs to which respondent does not object.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this unpublished decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub.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.

In accordance with the General Order #9 requirements, petitioner states that she spent \$250.00 on the filing fee and estimates that she spent another \$950.00 on various undocumented expenses.

Petitioner initially requested \$62,270.00 in attorneys' fees, \$21,517.93 in attorneys' costs, and \$1,200.00 in petitioner's costs. Petitioner reduced her request to \$64,750.00 in attorneys' fees and costs to which respondent does not object. Petitioner also agreed to \$250.00 in petitioner's costs with the understanding that counsel will reimburse her the additional \$950.00 in undocumented costs, to which respondent also does not object. The undersigned finds these amounts to be reasonable. Accordingly, the court awards:

- a. **\$64,750.00**, representing reimbursement for attorneys' fees and costs. The award shall be in the form of check made jointly payable to petitioner and petitioner's counsel, Peter H. Meyers of The George Washington University Law School, in the amount of **\$64,750.00**.
- b. **\$250.00**, representing reimbursement for petitioner's costs. The award shall be in the form of a check made payable to petitioner in the amount of **\$250.00**.

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: February 17, 2012

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.