

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 11-283V

Filed: October 16, 2012

Not for Publication

BRITTANY M. CROFT,

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Petitioner,

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v.

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Attorneys' Fees & Costs Decision
Based on Stipulation

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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Stephen C. Maxwell, Bedford, TX, for petitioner.

Chrysovalantis P. Kefalas, Washington, DC, for respondent.

MILLMAN, Special Master

DECISION AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS¹

On October 15, 2012, the parties filed a stipulation in which they agreed on an appropriate amount for attorneys' fees and costs in this case.

Petitioner's counsel attests that petitioner has not incurred any costs in pursuit of her petition.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this unpublished decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub.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

On June 15, 2012, petitioner filed a Request for Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Petitioner requested attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$22,628.10. During informal discussions, respondent raised objections to certain items. Based on these objections, petitioner now amends her application and requests reimbursement in the amount of \$21,137.60. Respondent does not object to the reduced amount.

The undersigned finds the amount to be reasonable. Accordingly, the court awards **\$21,137.60** in attorneys' fees and costs for Stephen C. Maxwell, P.C. The award shall be in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and Stephen C. Maxwell, P.C.

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: October 16, 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.