In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 04-1781V
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REGINA FLOOD,	*	
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Petitioner,	*	Attorneys' Fees & Costs Decision
v.	*	Based on Oral Stipulation
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH	*	
AND HUMAN SERVICES,	*	
	*	
Respondent.	*	
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John F. McHugh, New York, NY, for petitioner.
Alexis B. Babcock, Washington, DC, for respondent.

MILLMAN, Special Master

DECISION AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS[1]

On March 25, 2013, the parties contacted the undersigned's law clerk and conveyed an oral stipulation in which they agreed on an appropriate amount for attorneys' fees and costs in this case.

In accordance with the General Order #9 requirement, petitioner's counsel asserts that petitioner did not personally incur any costs in pursuit of her petition.

On March 15, 2013, petitioner filed an application for attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of $75,484.42. During informal discussions, respondent raised objections to certain

[1] Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this unpublished decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub.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

items. Based on these objections, petitioner now amends her request for attorneys' fees and costs and requests $71,500.00 in attorneys' fees and costs. Respondent does not object to the reduced amount. The undersigned finds this amount to be reasonable. Accordingly, the court awards **$71,500.00**, representing reimbursement for attorneys' fees and costs. The award shall be in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and the Law Office of John McHugh, in the amount of **$71,500.00**.

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: March 25, 2013

/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.