

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 07-36V

Filed: September 24, 2013

Not for Publication

KEITH and BEVERLY LANGLAND, *
on behalf of their daughter, M.L., *

Petitioners, *

Attorneys' fees and costs decision based on
stipulation of facts

v. *

SECRETARY OF HEALTH *
AND HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

Paul S. Dannenberg, Huntington, VT, for petitioners.
Melonie J. McCall, Washington, DC, for respondent.

MILLMAN, Special Master

DECISION AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS¹

On September 24, 2013, the respondent filed a stipulation of facts in which the parties agreed on an appropriate amount for attorneys' fees and costs in this case. Respondent reports that petitioners' counsel has reviewed the stipulation of facts and concurs with the representations made therein.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this unpublished decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub.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 requirement, petitioners filed a statement indicating that they did not incur costs in prosecuting their petition.

On July 6, 2013, petitioners filed an application for attorneys' fees and costs, requesting \$116,572.29 in attorneys' fees and costs. During informal discussions, respondent raised objections to certain items. Based on these objections, petitioners amend their application for attorneys' fees and costs and request \$83,000.00 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 **\$83,000.00**, representing reimbursement for attorneys' fees and costs. The award shall be in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioners and Paul S. Dannenberg in the amount of **\$83,000.00**.

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: September 24, 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, either separately or jointly, filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.