

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

SHAINA GALEOTAFIORE, an infant, *
by her Mother and Natural Guardian, *
JODI GALEOTAFIORE, *

Petitioner, *

v. *

SECRETARY OF HEALTH *
AND HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

No. 10-168V
Special Master Christian J. Moran

Filed: December 9, 2011

Attorneys' fees and costs; award
in the amount to which respondent
does not object.

UNPUBLISHED DECISION ON FEES AND COSTS¹

Mary E. Burns, Julien & Schlesinger, New York, NY, for Petitioner;
Chrysovalantis P. Kefalas, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

Petitioner Jodi Galeotafiore, on behalf of her child, Shaina Galeotafiore (“Shaina”), filed an application for attorneys’ fees and costs on December 2, 2011. The Court awards the amount to which respondent does not object.

Ms. Galeotafiore claimed that the varicella vaccine caused Shaina an adverse reaction and received compensation based upon the parties’ stipulation. Decision, filed April 12, 2011.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post it on the United States Court of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).

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 clearly be an unwarranted invasion of privacy. When such a decision or designated substantive order is filed, the person submitting the information has 14 days to identify and to move to delete such information before the document’s disclosure. If the special master agrees that the identified material fits within the categories listed above, the special master shall redact such material from public access. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4)(B); Vaccine Rule 18(b).

Because Ms. Galeotafiore received compensation, she is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e).

Ms. Galeotafiore seeks a total of **\$110,609.91** in attorneys' fees and costs for petitioner's counsel. Additionally, Ms. Galeotafiore filed a statement of costs in compliance with General Order No. 9, stating that she incurred no litigation expenses while pursuing this claim. Respondent stated that she had no objection to this application for attorneys' fees and costs.

After reviewing the request, the court awards a check made payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney in the amount of **\$110,609.91** for attorneys' fees and other litigation costs.¹ The court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter.

The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

S/ Christian J. Moran

Christian J. Moran
Special Master

¹ To the extent that petitioner's attorney does future work in the Vaccine Program, petitioner's attorney is encouraged to record tasks separately and to identify the person performing each task.

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties can expedite entry of judgment by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review by a United States Court of Federal Claims judge.