

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 08-921V

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WILLIAM THOMAS BOYKIN \*  
on behalf of his wife \*  
JEAN D. BOYKIN \*  
deceased, \*

Petitioner, \*

Attorney's Fees and Costs

v. \*

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

Respondent. \*

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Peter J. Sarda, Raleigh, NC, for petitioner.

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

**MILLMAN, Special Master**

### **DECISION AWARDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS<sup>1</sup>**

On September 28, 2009, petitioner filed a petition for fees and costs. Petitioner requested \$5,062.50 in fees and \$413.50 in costs. Respondent, while not objecting to the amount of this request, orally objected on September 30, 2009 to the "block billing" practice used in petitioner's motion. In compliance with General Order #9, petitioner states that he has incurred expenses totaling \$413.50. The court finds the amount requested by petitioner to be reasonable.

The clerk shall enter judgment for petitioner and shall direct that the award be in the form of a check made jointly payable to petitioner and Peter J. Sarda in the amount of **\$5,062.50**. The clerk shall also enter judgment for petitioner and shall direct that the award be in the form of a

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<sup>1</sup> The Court encourages the parties to review Vaccine Rule 18, which affords each party 14 days to object to disclosure of (1) trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, or (2) medical information that would constitute "a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy."

check made payable to petitioner in the amount of **\$413.50**. 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.<sup>2</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: September 30, 2009

/s/ Laura D. Millman  
Laura D. Millman  
Special Master

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<sup>2</sup> 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.