In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 04-1768V
(Not to be published)

ALISON SCHWARTZ and DAVID SCHWARTZ, parents of A.S., a minor, Petitioners, v. SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Respondent.	Filed: November 2, 2015 Decision on Attorneys' Fees and Costs

DECISION (ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS)

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,[1] I issued a decision on July 8, 2015. On November 2, 2015, the parties filed a joint stipulation of fact concerning attorneys' fees and costs in this matter. The parties' stipulation requests a total payment of $31,032.63, representing attorneys' fees and costs for work performed by the law firm of Robert J. Krakow.

I find that this petition was brought in good faith and that there existed a reasonable basis for the claim. Therefore, an award for fees and costs is appropriate, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amount seems reasonable and appropriate. **Accordingly, I hereby award the total $31,032.63 as a lump sum in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioners and petitioners' counsel, Robert J. Krakow.**

[1] The applicable statutory provisions defining the program are found at 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 *et seq*. (2012).

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In the absence of a timely-filed motion for review filed pursuant to Appendix B of the Rules of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.[2]

IT IS SO ORDERED

/s/ George L. Hastings, Jr.
George L. Hastings, Jr.
Special Master

[2] Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing the right to seek review.