

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 13-787V

Filed: August 26, 2014

Not for Publication

SUMMER PAOLONE,

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Petitioner,

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v.

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Attorneys' fees and costs decision;
an amount to which respondent does
not object

SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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Lawrence R. Cohan, Philadelphia, PA, for petitioner.

Lynn E. Ricciardella, Washington, DC, for respondent.

MILLMAN, Special Master

DECISION AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS¹

On August 15, 2014, petitioner filed an application for attorneys' fees and costs. Petitioner requests \$16,980.49 in attorneys' fees and costs, consisting of \$16,040.00 in attorneys' fees and \$940.49 in attorneys' costs. In accordance with General Order #9, petitioner's counsel asserted that petitioner did not incur any costs in pursuit of her petition.

On August 26, 2014, respondent's counsel informed the undersigned's law clerk that respondent finds the overall amount requested reasonable and does not object to petitioner's

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this unpublished decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub.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

request for attorneys' fees and costs. The undersigned finds petitioner's request to be reasonable. Accordingly, the court awards **\$16,980.49**, representing reimbursement for attorneys' fees and costs. The award shall be in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and Anapol Schwartz in the amount of **\$16,980.49**.

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: August 26, 2014

/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.