

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 06-435V

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Not To Be Published

CYNTHIA LA LONDE, parent of *
MATTHEW LA LONDE, a minor * Interim Attorneys' Fees and Costs
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Petitioner, *
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v. *
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SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT *
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, *
*
Respondent. *

INTERIM ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS DECISION¹

GOLKIEWICZ, Chief Special Master.

Petitioner filed an Interim Petition for Attorneys' Fees and Costs on August 4, 2008. On August 20, 2008, the parties contacted the Court via telephone. Respondent's counsel indicated she had reviewed petitioner's Interim Petition for Attorneys' Fees and Costs and had certain objections to petitioner's request for interim attorneys' fees and costs. Petitioner's counsel agreed to reduce his request by \$1000.00 to a total of **\$75, 658.70** in attorneys' fees and costs. Respondent's counsel indicated she had no objection to petitioner's reduced request for interim attorneys' fees and other litigation costs.

¹ Because this decision contains a reasoned explanation for the undersigned's action in this case, the undersigned intends to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction "of any information furnished by that party (1) that is trade secret or commercial or financial information and is privileged or confidential, or (2) that are medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, "the entire" decision will be available to the public. Id.

Petitioner is entitled to an award of interim attorneys' fees and costs. The undersigned determines that there is no just reason to delay the entry of judgment for an award of interim attorneys' fees and costs. Therefore, in the absence of a motion for review filed under RCFC Appendix B, the clerk shall enter judgment as follows: **\$75,658.70** in interim attorneys' fees and other litigation costs, of which, **\$75,330.33** shall be made payable jointly to petitioner and her attorney. The remaining **\$328.37** shall be made payable solely to petitioner. The court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Gary J. Golkiewicz
Gary J. Golkiewicz
Chief Special Master

²Pursuant 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.