

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 99-450 V

Filed: February 29, 2012

Not for Publication

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KARI HAWKINS,

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Petitioner,

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v.

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Attorneys' Fees and Costs Decision  
Based on Stipulation

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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Clifford J. Shoemaker, Vienna, VA, for petitioner.

Ryan D. Pyles, Washington, DC, for respondent.

**MILLMAN, Special Master**

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

On February 27, 2012, the parties filed a stipulation, stating that they reached an amount for attorneys' fees and costs to which respondent does not object.

In accordance with the General Order #9 requirements, petitioner states that she incurred \$5,434.66 in costs.

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 Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this unpublished decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub.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

Petitioner initially requested \$64,847.29 in attorneys' fees, \$65,778.34 in attorneys' costs, and \$5,434.66 in petitioner's costs. After informal discussions with respondent during which respondent raised objections to certain items, petitioner has amended her request to \$121,670.00 in attorneys' fees and costs to which respondent does not object. Additionally, petitioner has amended her request for petitioner's costs to \$3,764.61, to which respondent does not object, with the understanding that petitioner's counsel will reimburse petitioner the difference between the initial request for costs and the amended request for costs. The undersigned finds these amounts to be reasonable. Accordingly, the court awards:

- a. **\$121,670.00**, representing reimbursement for attorneys' fees and costs. The award shall be in the form of a check made jointly payable to petitioner and Shoemaker & Associates in the amount of **\$121,670.00**.
- b. **\$3,764.61**, representing reimbursement for petitioner's costs. The award shall be in the form of a check made payable to petitioner in the amount of **\$3,764.61**.

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: February 29, 2012

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.