

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 07-469V

Filed: January 22, 2009

Not for publication

PATRICIA E. HILL,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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Attorneys' fees and costs based on
stipulation

Albert J. Brooks, Jr., Philadelphia, PA, for petitioner.
Lisa A. Watts, Washington, DC, for respondent.

MILLMAN, Special Master

DECISION AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS¹

On January 13, 2009, the parties filed the attached stipulation, in which they agreed to settle attorneys' fees and costs in this case and described the settlement terms. The parties agreed to resolve this matter informally after respondent raised objections to certain items in petitioner's initial application, filed September 22, 2008. Based on these objections, petitioner amended her Application for Attorneys' Fees and Costs to request reimbursement for Attorneys' Fees in the

¹ Because this decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this 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 delete 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 delete such material from public access.

amount of \$24,475.00, and Attorneys' Costs in the amount of \$11,834.14. In accordance with General Order #9, petitioner states that she did not incur costs in this case. The court finds the amount requested by petitioner to be reasonable.

The court hereby adopts the parties' said stipulation, attached hereto, and awards compensation for attorneys' fees and costs in the amount and on the terms set forth therein. Pursuant to the stipulation, the court awards **\$36,309.14**, in the form of one check made jointly payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney, Albert J. Brooks, Jr.

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.

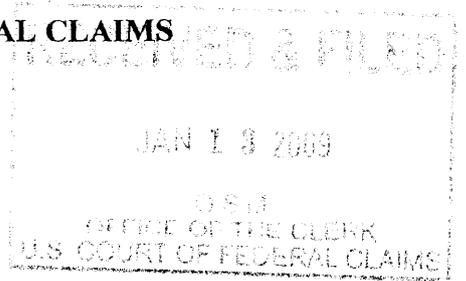
Dated: Jan. 22, 2009

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² 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.

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STIPULATION OF FACT CONCERNING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS

It is hereby stipulated by and between the parties, the following factual matters:

- 1. Albert J. Brooks, Jr., is the attorney of record for petitioner, Patricia E. Hill.
2. Petitioner filed her Attorney's Fees and Costs Application on September 22, 2008.
3. In informal discussions, respondent raised objections to certain items in petitioner's initial application. Based on these discussions, petitioner has amended her Application for Attorney's Fees and Costs in this matter to request reimbursement for Attorney's Fees in the amount of \$24,475.00, and Attorney's Costs in the amount of \$11,834.14.
4. The parties now agree that a decision should be entered awarding the attorney's fees and costs described in paragraph 3 of this stipulation.

Respectfully submitted,

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