

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS**

(Filed: September 2, 2005)

ALMA GUADALUPE ROJAS,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 01-0692V
	)	DO NOT PUBLISH
SECRETARY OF	)	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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**DECISION ON ATTORNEY’S FEES AND COSTS<sup>1</sup>**

Petitioner, Alma Guadalupe Rojas (Ms. Rojas), seeks an award of attorney’s fees and costs for an action that she pursued successfully under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (Program).<sup>2</sup> Because Ms. Rojas received Program compensation, the Act mandates the award of “reasonable attorneys’ fees” and “other costs.” § 300aa-15(e)(1). The parties represent that respondent does not object to an award of \$31,964.33 in attorney’s fees and costs. *See* Joint Status Report, filed September 1, 2005. The amount is the sum of \$22,606.25 in attorney’s fees and \$9,358.08 in attorney’s costs. *Id.*

Based upon his experience, the special master determines that an award of \$31,964.33 in attorney’s fees and costs is appropriate. Therefore, in the absence of a motion for review filed under RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of court shall enter judgment in Ms. Rojas’s favor for \$31,964.33. The

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<sup>1</sup> 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.*

<sup>2</sup> The statutory provisions governing the Vaccine Program are found in 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-10 *et seq.* For convenience, further reference will be to the relevant section of 42 U.S.C.

judgment shall reflect that Ms. Rojas's attorney of record, Sol P. Ajalat, Esq. (Mr. Ajalat), may collect \$31,964.33 from Ms. Rojas.<sup>3</sup>

The clerk of court shall send Ms. Rojas's copy of this decision to Ms. Rojas by overnight express delivery.

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John F. Edwards  
Special Master

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<sup>3</sup> Under Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing the right to seek review.