In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 12-538V
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DOROTHY FREEDLAND, BETTE KLEGON, and AMANDA ARGUELLES, as Legal Representatives of the Estate of NORMAN KLEGON,	*	
Petitioners,	*	Attorneys' fees and costs decision based on stipulation of fact
v.	*	
SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,	*	
Respondent.	*	

John R. Howie, Jr., Dallas, TX, for petitioners.
Althea W. Davis, Washington, DC, for respondent.

MILLMAN, Special Master

DECISION AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS[1]

On November 19, 2014, the parties filed a stipulation of fact in which they agreed on an appropriate amount for attorneys' fees and costs in this case.

[1] Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this unpublished decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub.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

Petitioners submitted their request for attorneys' fees and costs to respondent. During informal discussions, respondent raised objections to certain items in petitioners' application. Based on these objections, petitioners amend their application for attorneys' fees and costs to $25,234.70, consisting of $19,864.00 for attorneys' fees, $3,361.70 for attorneys' costs, $1,004.50 for costs incurred by Dorothy Freedland, and $1,004.50 for costs incurred by Bette Klegon. Respondent does not object to this amount. The undersigned finds this amount to be reasonable. Accordingly, the court awards:

a. **$23,225.70**, representing reimbursement for attorneys' fees and costs. The award shall be in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioners and Howie Law, P.C. in the amount of **$23,225.70**;

b. **$1,004.50**, representing reimbursement for petitioner Dorothy Freedland's costs. The award shall be in the form of a check payable to Dorothy Freedland in the amount of **$1,004.50**; and

c. **$1,004.50**, representing reimbursement for petitioner Bette Klegon's costs. The award shall be in the form of a check payable to Bette Klegon in the amount of **$1,004.50**.

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: November 19, 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.