

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

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STANLEY JAYNE,	*	No. 12-725V
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Petitioner,	*	Chief Special Master Dorsey
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v.	*	
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH	*	Attorneys' Fees and Costs;
AND HUMAN SERVICES,	*	Reasonable Amount Requested to
	*	which Respondent Does not Object.
Respondent.	*	
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Elizabeth Martin Muldowney, Rawls, McNelis and Mitchell, PC, Richmond, VA, for petitioner.
Lara Ann Englund, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS DECISION¹

On October 26, 2012, Stanley Jayne (“petitioner”), filed a petition pursuant to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.² 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (2006). Petitioner alleged that he suffered neurological defects as a result of a flu vaccine administered to him on October 30, 2009. Petition at 1. Petitioner further alleged that he suffered the residual effects or complications of his vaccine injury for more than six months. *Id.* at 6. On June 26, 2015, the parties filed a stipulation, stating that a decision should be entered awarding compensation. On June 30, 2015, the undersigned entered a decision awarding compensation to petitioner based on a stipulation filed by the parties.

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 website of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 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 a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly warranted invasion of privacy.” Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, the entire decision will be available to the public. *Id.*

² The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program is set forth in Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755, codified as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (2006) (Vaccine Act or the Act). All citations in this decision to individual sections of the Vaccine Act are to 42 U.S.C.A. § 300aa.

On September 22, 2015, respondent filed a Stipulation of Facts Concerning Attorneys' Fees and Costs. According to the stipulation, the parties agreed to a total award to petitioner of attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$52,800.00. In accordance with General Order #9, petitioner's counsel represents that petitioner did not advance any reimbursable costs in pursuit of her claim.

The Vaccine Act permits an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e). Based on the reasonableness of the parties' stipulation, the undersigned **GRANTS** the request for approval and payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Accordingly, an award should be made as follows:

- (1) in the form of a check jointly payable to petitioner and to petitioner's attorney, Elizabeth Martin Muldowney of the law firm of Rawls, McNelis and Mitchell, PC, in the amount of **\$52,300**.
- (2) in the form of a check payable to petitioner only in the amount of **\$500.00**.

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court **SHALL ENTER JUDGMENT** in accordance with the terms of the parties' stipulation.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Nora Beth Dorsey
Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment is expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.