

On March 3, 2016, petitioners filed a motion for attorneys' fees and costs. (ECF No. 33). Petitioners request attorneys' fees in the amount of \$15,167.50 and attorneys' costs in the amount of \$863.38 for a total amount of \$16,030.88. Id. at 1. In compliance with General Order #9, petitioners have filed a signed statement indicating petitioners incurred no out-of-pocket expenses.

On March 15, 2016, respondent indicated to the court via e-mail that she would not be filing a response to petitioners' application.

The Vaccine Act permits an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. § 15(e). Based on the reasonableness of petitioner's request and the lack of opposition from respondent, the undersigned **GRANTS** petitioners' motion for attorneys' fees and costs.³

Accordingly, the undersigned awards the total of \$16,030.88⁴ as a lump sum in the form of a check jointly payable to petitioners and petitioners' counsel Jeffrey S. Pop & Associates.

The clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.⁵

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey
Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master

³ The undersigned is granting petitioners' motion based on the reasonableness of the overall amount sought for attorneys' fees and costs given the circumstances in this case. This decision should not be interpreted as an acceptance of the reasonableness of either the hourly rate or amount of hours billed in this case. In other cases, the undersigned may reduce either the hourly rate requested or the amount of hours billed.

⁴ This amount is intended to cover all legal expenses incurred in this matter. This award encompasses all charges by the attorney against a client, "advanced costs" as well as fees for legal services rendered. Furthermore, § 15(e)(3) prevents an attorney from charging or collecting fees (including costs) that would be in addition to the amount awarded herein. See generally Beck v. Sec'y of Health & Human Servs., 924 F.2d 1029 (Fed. Cir.1991).

⁵ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.