BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE PILLAGER BANDS OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,))
Plaintiffs,)
ν.) Docket No. 144
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,))
Defendant.)

ORDER ALLOWING ATTORNEY'S FEE

UPON CONSIDERATION of the petition filed on March 29, 1974, by Robert C. Bell, Jr., attorney for the above-named plaintiffs, requesting the allowance of a fee for attorney's services in Docket 144, and in accordance with the findings of the Commission filed herewith, the Commission concludes that the attorney for the plaintiffs herein is entitled to a fee in the amount of \$40,529.30, for services rendered in the prosecution of plaintiffs' claim in Docket 144 and that payment to Robert C. Bell, Jr., of the sum of \$40,529.30 out of the funds appropriated to pay the award herein will represent payment in full of all claims for legal services rendered in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that out of the funds appropriated to pay the final judgment entered on October 25, 1973, in favor of the plaintiffs (32 Ind. Cl. Comm. 156, 190), there shall be disbursed to Robert C. Bell, Jr., as payment in full of all claims for legal services rendered in connection with the prosecution of this case, the sum of \$40,529.30.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this <u>17th</u> day of July, 1974.

Commissioner Brantley Blue, commissioner

Jerome K. Kuykendall, Chairman

Richard W. Yarborough, Commissioner

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE COWLITZ TRIBE OF INDIANS,) Plaintiff,) v.) Docket No. 218) THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Defendant,)

ORDER ALLOWING REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEYS' EXPENSES

HAVING CONSIDERED the application for reimbursement of expenses filed April 26, 1974, by Abe W. Weissbrodt, attorney of record for the plaintiff, on behalf of himself and I. S. Weissbrodt; the record in this docket; and the attorneys' contract of employment; the Commission finds that:

1. The Commission entered a final award of \$1,550,000 to the plaintiff on April 12, 1973, 30 Ind. Cl. Comm. 129. Funds were appropriated to satisfy this award by the Act of July 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 99.

2. The Commission approved an attorneys' fee of \$155,000 by order of June 6, 1973, 30 Ind. Cl. Comm. 373.

3. By letters dated April 26, 1974, the Clerk of the Commission notified the interested parties of the application for reimbursement of expenses.

4. The plaintiff has not responded to this notice. The defendant, on behalf of its Bureau of Indian Affairs, filed a response on June 20, 1974. The Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs stated that the claimed expenses appear to be reasonable and to fall within the categories of expenses proper for reimbursement, except that no opinion was expressed as to the reasonableness of the compensation paid to certain experts.

5. The attorneys' contract with the plaintiff provides for reimbursement of actual expenses incurred by them. Of the four attorneys with whom plaintiff contracted, only attorneys Abe W. Weissbrodt and I. S. Weissbrodt are represented in the petition for reimbursement of expenses. A separate petition for reimbursement is to be filed with respect to expenses paid by the other two attorneys in this case, Patrick H. Winston and Lyle Keith. 34 Ind. Cl. Comm. 261

6. The claimed expenses of attorneys Abe W. Weissbrodt and I. S. Weissbrodt, in the amount of \$10,101.37, are reasonable and proper for reimbursement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that out of the funds appropriated to pay the final award of April 12, 1973, there shall be disbursed to Abe W. Weissbrodt, in behalf of himself and I. S. Weissbrodt, as reimbursement in full of their expenses in this docket, the amount of \$10,101.37.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this day of July 1974.

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Richard W. Yarborozah, Commission

Margaret H. Pierce, Commissioner

Brantley Blue, Commissioner