

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

The Secretary, United States  
Department of Housing and Urban  
Development, on behalf of  
Julie Nkeonyeme Obi,

Charging Party,

v.

Duk Hee Ro, and  
Myung Ro,

Respondents.

HUDALJ 03-93-0313-8  
Decided: August 11, 1995

Jane S. O'Leary, Esq.  
David Godschalk, Esq.  
For the Charging Party

Bart Columbo, Esq.  
For the Intervenor

Matthew S. Yoo, Esq.  
For Respondents

Before: William C. Cregar  
Administrative Law Judge

**INITIAL DECISION AND ORDER ON  
APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEY FEES**

On July 14, 1995, Intervenor Julie Obi filed a Motion seeking \$6,200 for attorney fees. Respondents have filed no opposition to Intervenor's motion or to the amount sought. Intervenor seeks fees for Bart Columbo, her attorney during this litigation. Mr. Columbo filed an affidavit stating that he expended 49.06 hours of work on the case at a rate of \$125 per hour, the asserted customary rate, for a total of \$6,200. The motion

is supported by affidavits of two attorneys familiar with Mr. Columbo and his background stating that his claimed rate of \$125 per hour is reasonable together with an itemized listing of the hours worked. Because the Motion is unopposed, it is hereby *granted*.

### **Conclusion and Order**

Accordingly, within 45 days the date this initial decision becomes final, Respondents are **ORDERED** to pay Intervenor a total of \$6,132 ( $\$125 \times 49.06^1$ ) for attorney fees.

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WILLIAM C. CREGAR  
Administrative Law Judge

Dated: August 11, 1995

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<sup>1</sup>The number of hours multiplied by the amount claimed does not equal \$6,200. I have modified the award accordingly.