

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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NIKITA PETTIES, <u>et al.</u> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Civil Action No. 95-0148 (PLF)
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, <u>et al.</u> ,)	
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Defendants.)	
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ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the plaintiffs' four pending motions for attorneys' fees and costs covering the period from June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009. The first motion covers the period from June 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008 and requests fees and costs in the amount of \$151,708.97. The second motion covers the period from September 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008 and requests fees and costs in the amount of \$234,732.34. The third motion covers the period from December 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009 and requests fees and costs in the amount of \$211,209.65. The fourth motion covers the period from March 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009 and requests fees and costs in the amount of \$190,498.55.

In light of the court of appeals' decision in Blackman v. District of Columbia, No. 10-7019, 2011 WL 281036 (D.C. Cir. Jan. 28, 2011), the Court will deny these four pending motions without prejudice and will direct the parties to meet and confer to determine whether they can resolve any or all of their issues regarding attorneys' fees and costs for the period from

June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009, and/or whether the parties request that this matter be submitted to a mediator or referred to a magistrate judge to assist in settling these fee disputes.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the plaintiffs' four pending motions for attorneys' fees and costs [Dkt. Nos. 1755, 1765, 1801, and 1835] are DENIED without prejudice; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint statement by April 8, 2011 addressing the following:

1. Whether the parties have been able to resolve any or all of their issues regarding attorneys' fees and costs for the period from June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009, and/or whether the parties request that this matter be submitted to a mediator or referred to a magistrate judge.

2. If the parties are unable to resolve any or all of their issues regarding attorneys' fees and costs for the period from June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009, whether the parties request that the Court reopen the four motions herein denied without prejudice and consider them on the briefs already submitted, or whether the parties request the opportunity to file new motions for attorneys' fees and costs, new oppositions, and new replies.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: March 3, 2011

/s/
PAUL L. FRIEDMAN
United States District Judge