

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES, AMGEN, INC.,
ASTRAZENECA PHARMACEUTICALS, LP,
ASTRAZENECA LP, AVENTIS
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., AVENTIS
BEHRING, LLC, BAXTER INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
BAYER CORPORATION, BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM
CORPORATION, BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB CO.,
DEY, INC., FUJISAWA HEALTHCARE, INC.,
GENSIA SICOR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,
GLAXOSMITHKLINE, INC., JOHNSON &
JOHNSON, INC., PFIZER, INC., PHARMACIA,
SCHERING-PLOUGH CORPORATION,
TAP PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, INC. and
WATSON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,

Defendants.

ORDER

04-C-0477-C

In the opinion and order remanding this case to state court, entered on October 5, 2004, I granted plaintiff State of Wisconsin's request for attorney fees and costs and gave plaintiff until October 20, 2004, in which to file an itemized statement of the fees and costs

it had incurred in opposing the removal of this case. Defendants were given until November 3, 2004, in which to file any opposition to the itemization. Plaintiff filed its itemization; defendants have filed no objection.

From my own review of the itemized fees, I conclude that the hourly fees are reasonable and that the number of hours is appropriate, given the difficulty of the issues and the vigorous opposition of defendants. Therefore, I will award plaintiff the fees it seeks in full. Plaintiff requests \$14,149.00 for the law firm of Miner, Barnhill & Galland, P.C. and \$6,240.00 for the Wisconsin Department of Justice, a total of \$20,389.00. Plaintiff does not seek reimbursement for any costs incurred in opposing the removal.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff State of Wisconsin is awarded attorney fees in the amount of \$20,389.00.

Entered this 6th day of December, 2004.

BY THE COURT:

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge