

BEFORE THE INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

THE NORTHERN TONTO APACHE, et al.,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Docket No. 22-J
)	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER ALLOWING ATTORNEYS' FEE

HAVING CONSIDERED the petition for award of attorneys' fee for services to the plaintiffs herein that was filed on October 13, 1972, by I. S. Weissbrodt, Esquire, attorney of record for the plaintiffs, in behalf of himself and all other contract attorneys having an interest in the fee; the defendant's response to the petition, filed on November 22, 1972; the contracts under which the attorneys served the plaintiffs; and the entire record and all proceedings in this case, the Commission finds as follows:

1. Award. On September 12, 1972, in consonance with an approved settlement agreement between the parties, the Commission entered a final award in this docket in the amount of \$685,800.00 to the plaintiffs, the Yavapai-Apache Indian Community, the Fort McDowell Mohave-Apache Community, the San Carlos Apache Tribe of Arizona and the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, for and on behalf of the Northern Tonto Indians (28 Ind. Cl. Comm. 399, 423). Funds to cover the award were appropriated by the Act of October 31, 1972, Public Law 92-607.

2. Attorney Contracts. Separate attorney contracts which are currently in force and effect, were made with four present-day organized Indian tribes, plaintiffs herein, namely the Yavapai-Apache Indian Community (Symbol 14-20-0450, Contract No. 5839), the Fort McDowell Mohave-Apache Community (Symbol 14-20-0450, Contract No. 5836), the San Carlos Apache Tribe of Arizona (Symbol 14-20-0450, Contract No. 5833), and the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (Symbol 14-20-0450, Contract No. 5830). Each of these contracts was approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 8, 1966, effective as of June 25, 1966, to extend to June 24, 1974. Each of these contracts was made with five attorneys, namely, I. S. Weissbrodt, Abe W. Weissbrodt, C. M. Wright, Jay H. Hoag and Rodney J. Edwards.

The current contract with the Yavapai-Apache Indian Community replaced an earlier approved contract, made as of December 1952, and

