

request. [Doc. #32]. Plaintiff states that Dr. Reagles spent two hours preparing for the deposition and approximately 3 hours attending the deposition. Rather than charge by the hour, Dr. Reagles charges \$5,000 to attend a deposition of less than four hours in the same day. [Doc. #37 at 4]. Although the Court sought information regarding fees awarded to Dr. Reagles in other cases, this information was not provided. Rather, plaintiff appended Dr. Reagle's fee schedule and a "To Whom It May Concern" letter dated December 5, 2012, in which Dr. Reagles' office manager restates the rates set forth in the fee schedule. Id. at 5. Defendants assert they "have no problem compensating Dr. Reagles for his preparation time (he was prepared and little time was wasted searching for answers or documents), or his time at the deposition." Defendants contend, however, that \$1,000 per hour is an unreasonable rate and ask the Court to set a reasonable hourly fee. [Doc. #39 at 1-2].

After careful consideration, the Court finds that plaintiff has not demonstrated that Dr. Reagles' fee request in the amount of \$5,000 for five hours of work preparing and attending a deposition is reasonable or supported on this record.

Accordingly, defendants' Motion to Determine Fee for plaintiff's vocational expert [Doc. #28] is **GRANTED**. Defendants will pay Dr. Kenneth Reagles for his time preparing and

attending a deposition in the amount of \$2,500 and copy charges
in the amount of \$500.

SO ORDERED at Bridgeport this 7th day of January 2013.

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HOLLY B. FITZSIMMONS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE