# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

# FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

## PORTLAND DIVISION

JULIE A. TOTH, an individual,

Plaintiff,

No. CV 08-653-JE

**OPINION AND ORDER** 

v.

INA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK; PFIZER, INCORPORATED GROUP LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN,

> Defendants/ Counter Claimants.

v.

JULIE A. TOTH, an individual,

Counter Defendant.

#### MOSMAN, J.,

On December 8, 2009, Magistrate Judge Jelderks issued Findings and Recommendation

("F&R") (#59) in the above-captioned case recommending that I GRANT plaintiff's Motion for

Attorney Fees and Costs (#48) in the amount of \$35,183.75. No objection to the F&R was filed.

# DISCUSSION

The magistrate judge makes only recommendations to the court, to which any party may file

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written objections. The court is not bound by the recommendations of the magistrate judge, but retains responsibility for making the final determination. The court is generally required to make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified findings or recommendation as to which an objection is made. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). However, the court is not required to review, under a de novo or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the F&R to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). While the level of scrutiny under which I am required to review the F&R depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case, I am free to accept, reject, or modify any of the magistrate judge's F&R. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

Upon review, I agree with Judge Jelderks's recommendation, and I ADOPT the F&R (#59) as my own opinion. Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs (#48) is GRANTED, and plaintiff should recover attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$35,183.75.

### IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this <u>12th</u> day of January, 2010.

/s/ Michael W. Mosman MICHAEL W. MOSMAN United States District Court

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