

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS Sent for Microfilm  
EASTERN DIVISION

MAY 8 - 1998

SELMA S. BUYCKS-ROBERSON; CALVIN )  
R. ROBERSON; and RENE BROOKS, on )  
behalf of themselves and other )  
similarly situated, )

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Plaintiffs, )

No. 94 C 4094

Judge Ruben Castillo

v. )

CITIBANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, )

Defendant. )

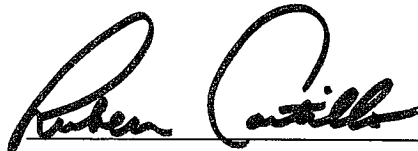
ORDER

After a careful review of the relevant pleadings, including plaintiffs' petition for attorneys' fees and enclosed time records as well as Citibank's response, this Court concludes that: (1) plaintiffs' attorneys have achieved a significant legal victory for their clients who are "prevailing parties"; (2) plaintiffs' counsel are highly experienced civil rights attorneys, who have carefully and reasonably incurred numerous hours in this complex case, and whose reasonable normal billing rates for these hours would result in attorneys' fees and costs of over \$1,000,000; and (3) the settlement agreement stipulates that attorneys' fees and costs should not exceed \$950,000. Therefore, after close consideration

of the well-established factors set forth in *Hemsley v. Eckerhart*, 461 U.S. 424 (1983), this Court hereby awards plaintiffs' a total of \$950,000 in attorneys' fees and costs which this Court expressly finds are eminently reasonable under the circumstances of this case. The Court wishes to commend plaintiffs' counsel for its professionalism and sacrifice in this case.

Defendant shall comply with this order on or before May 18, 1998.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruben Castillo", written over a horizontal line.

Ruben Castillo  
United States District Judge

May 7, 1998