

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Ronaldo Patino Bandong v. Kilolo Kijakazi

Bandong v. Kijakazi · No. 2:21-CV-00318-KJN · Decided March 13, 2023

SUMMARY

The parties stipulated to an award of \$7,500 in attorney’s fees to the plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in connection with the Social Security action. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California approved the stipulation and entered the order on March 13, 2023.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Kendall J. Newman
DECIDED	March 13, 2023
DOCKET	2:21-CV-00318-KJN
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties stipulated to an award of attorney fees to Plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act in connection with this Social Security action, and the court approved the stipulation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Ronaldo Patino Bandong v. Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

- attorney fees
- administrative law
- remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

- Social Security
- administrative law
- attorney fees

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the court should approve the parties' stipulation awarding Plaintiff \$7,500 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

HOLDINGS

1. The court approved the parties' stipulation and ordered an award of \$7,500 in attorney fees to Plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“APPROVED AND SO ORDERED” (Order, lines 21-28)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion concerns Plaintiff's request for attorney fees incurred in connection with the civil action. The parties agreed that Plaintiff would receive \$7,500 under the EAJA, representing compensation for all legal services rendered on Plaintiff's behalf in the action. The stipulation addressed possible Treasury Offset Program offsets and payment pursuant to Plaintiff's assignment of the fees to counsel.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff brought a civil action for review of a Social Security decision in the Eastern District of California. The parties subsequently stipulated to an EAJA attorney-fee award of \$7,500, subject to court approval. The court approved and ordered the stipulated award on March 13, 2023.

DISPOSITION

approved

CASES CITED

- Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010)