

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
OKLAHOMA

**Landon Lee Scheffler v. Frank Bisgnano, Commissioner of Social
Security**

Scheffler · No. CIV-25-633-G · Decided December 1, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma granted Plaintiff Landon Lee Scheffler’s unopposed motion for attorney’s fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The court awarded \$7,350.20, payable directly to Plaintiff, after finding that Plaintiff was the prevailing party, the government’s position was not substantially justified, and no special circumstances made an award unjust. The order also directed counsel to refund the smaller award if fees are later awarded under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Charles B. Goodwin
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma
DECIDED	December 1, 2025
DOCKET	CIV-25-633-G
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff moved for attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act after the court reversed the Social Security Administration's decision and remanded the case for further proceedings.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Landon Lee Scheffler v. Frank Bisgnano, Commissioner of Social Security

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Plaintiff was entitled to attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act after obtaining reversal and remand of the Social Security Administration's decision.

HOLDINGS

1. Plaintiff was entitled to an Equal Access to Justice Act fee award of \$7,350.20 because he was a prevailing party, the position of the United States was not substantially justified, and no special circumstances made an award unjust.
2. The \$7,350.20 fee award was to be paid directly to Plaintiff and sent in care of Plaintiff's counsel.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“(1) [P]laintiff is a ‘prevailing party’; (2) the position of the United States was not ‘substantially justified’; and (3) there are no special circumstances that make an award of fees unjust”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Social Security Administration issued a decision adverse to Landon Lee Scheffler. The district court previously reversed that decision and remanded the case for further administrative proceedings. Scheffler sought \$7,350.20 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, and the Commissioner represented that he had no objection.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 18, 2025, the court entered an order and judgment reversing the Social Security Administration's decision and remanding for further proceedings. Plaintiff then moved for \$7,350.20 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The Commissioner did not oppose the requested award, and the court granted the motion.

DISPOSITION

other

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

No new remand was ordered in this fee order. The court's prior September 18, 2025 judgment had remanded the Social Security matter for further proceedings.

CASES CITED

- Hackett v. Barnhart, 475 F.3d 1166, 1172 (10th Cir. 2007)
- Weakley v. Bowen, 803 F.2d 575, 580 (10th Cir. 1986)