

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

Elizabeth J. LaCroix v. Commissioner, Social Security
Administration

LaCroix · No. 6:24-cv-01909-YY · Decided February 25, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Oregon ordered an award of \$8,470.55 in attorney fees to Plaintiff Elizabeth J. LaCroix under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The order directs payment subject to any federal treasury offset and states that no costs or expenses are awarded.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Oregon
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Youlee Yim You
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Oregon
DECIDED	February 25, 2026
DOCKET	6:24-cv-01909-YY
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Order approving the parties' stipulation and awarding Plaintiff attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

attorney fees administrative law civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

Social Security administrative law attorney fees

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the stipulated request for attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act should be approved.
- How the EAJA fee award should be paid if Plaintiff owes a debt to the federal government.

HOLDINGS

1. The court approved the parties' stipulation and awarded Plaintiff \$8,470.55 in attorney fees pursuant to the EAJA.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, it is ORDERED that attorney fees in the amount of \$8,470.55 are hereby awarded to Plaintiff, pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The parties stipulated to an award of attorney fees in the amount of \$8,470.55 under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The court directed that payment be made to Plaintiff's counsel if the Commissioner confirmed that Plaintiff owed no debt subject to the federal treasury offset program. If Plaintiff owed such a debt, any remaining funds after offset were to be paid to Plaintiff through counsel.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties submitted a stipulation concerning an award of attorney fees. The court entered an order awarding Plaintiff \$8,470.55 under the EAJA and specified the payment procedure depending on whether Plaintiff owed a debt to the federal government.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2527 (2010)

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
ELIZABETH J. LACROIX, Case No. 6:24-cv-01909-YY Plaintiff, ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF
ATTORNEY FEES PURSUANT TO EAJA vs. COMMISSIONER, Social Security
Administration, Defendant. Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, it is ORDERED that
attorney fees in the amount of \$8,470.55 are hereby awarded to Plaintiff, pursuant to the Equal
Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

Pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2527 (2010), if the Commissioner confirms that Plaintiff owes no debt to the Government through the federal treasury offset program, payment of this award shall be made by check made payable and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel, Katherine L. Eitenmiller, WELLS, MANNING, EITENMILLER & TAYLOR, P.C., 474 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon 97401.

If Plaintiff has such debt, the check for any remaining funds after offset shall be made out to Plaintiff and mailed to counsel's address provided above. There are no costs or expenses to be paid

herein. Dated this 25 day of February 2026. /s/ Youlee Yim You YOULEE YIM YOU United States Magistrate Judge
Proposed Order submitted by: Katherine L. Eitenmiller WELLS, MANNING, EITENMILLER & TAYLOR, P.C.

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