

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

Michael James Black v. Commissioner of Social Security

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SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Oregon ordered an award of \$620.30 in attorney fees to the plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The order provides that payment is subject to verification of any qualifying federal debt and may be disbursed to the plaintiff's attorney or, after offset, to the plaintiff.

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON MICHAEL JAMES BLACK, 3:25-cv-01009-JR Plaintiff, vs. ORDER COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY, Defendant. It is hereby ORDERED that attorney fees in the amount of \$620.30 shall be awarded to Plaintiff pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. Attorney fees will be paid to Plaintiff's attorney, dependent upon verification that Plaintiff has no debt which qualifies for offset against the awarded fees, pursuant to the Treasury Offset Program as discussed in Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S.Ct.

2521 (2010). If Plaintiff has no such debt, then the fees shall be delivered via electronic funds transfer or by check made out to Plaintiff's attorney Kevin Kerr, and mailed to Plaintiff's attorney's office as follows: NW Disability benefits, LLC dba Kerr Robichaux & Carroll (TID 85-3999428), P.O. Box 14490, Portland, OR 97293. If Plaintiff has a debt, then any remaining funds after offset of the debt shall be made payable to Plaintiff and sent via electronic funds transfer or by check mailed to Plaintiff's attorney's office at the address stated above.

DATED this 20th day of January, 2026. /s_/_ J_o_l_i_e_ A_. _R_u_s_s_o_
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