

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

Steadman v. Commissioner of Social Security

No. 6:25-cv-01771-AR (D. Or. May 15, 2026) · No. 6:25-cv-01771-AR · Decided May 15, 2026

SUMMARY

This is an order from the United States District Court for the District of Oregon awarding the plaintiff \$620.30 in attorney fees and \$405.00 in filing costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The order addresses payment subject to verification under the Treasury Offset Program and is dated May 15, 2026.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Oregon
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jaff Armistead
DECIDED	May 15, 2026
DOCKET	6:25-cv-01771-AR
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Post-judgment order awarding attorney fees and costs to the plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Eric Wayne Steadman v. Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

- attorney fees
- costs
- administrative law
- judicial review of agency action

PRACTICE AREAS

- administrative law
- social security
- attorney fees
- costs

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the plaintiff should receive attorney fees and filing-fee costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act and applicable cost provisions.
- Whether payment of the award must be subject to offset for qualifying debts under the Treasury Offset Program.

HOLDINGS

1. The plaintiff is awarded \$620.30 in attorney fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act and \$405.00 in filing-fee costs pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1920.
2. The award is subject to verification of whether the plaintiff has a qualifying debt for offset under the Treasury Offset Program; if no such debt exists, payment may be made to the plaintiff's attorney, while any remaining amount after offset is payable to the plaintiff if a debt exists.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion concerns the plaintiff's request for attorney fees and costs following litigation involving review of a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security. The court awarded \$620.30 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act and \$405.00 in filing-fee costs. Payment was made subject to any qualifying debt offset under the Treasury Offset Program.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The plaintiff brought an action for review of the Commissioner's final Social Security decision. In this order, the court awarded the plaintiff \$620.30 in attorney fees and \$405.00 in filing-fee costs.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

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