

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Josue Portillo v. Frank J. Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

Portillo · No. 1:25-cv-00174-KES-HBK · Decided December 3, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is a stipulation and order in Josue Portillo v. Frank J. Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. The court approved an Equal Access to Justice Act award of \$8,250.00 in attorney fees and expenses, subject to the stipulation’s terms, on December 2, 2025.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	December 3, 2025
DOCKET	1:25-cv-00174-KES-HBK
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties jointly stipulated to an award of attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act after Plaintiff prevailed in the civil action. The court approved the stipulation and awarded \$8,250.00 in fees and expenses.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

attorney fees costs administrative law civil procedure remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

Social Security administrative law attorney fees federal civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the court should approve the parties' stipulation and award Plaintiff \$8,250.00 in attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

HOLDINGS

- The court approved the parties' stipulation and awarded Plaintiff \$8,250.00 in attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act, subject to the terms of the stipulation.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“IT IS ORDERED that fees and expenses in the amount of EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED-FIFTY AND 00/100 (\$8,250.00) as authorized by the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), be awarded subject to the terms of the Stipulation.” (Order at 3-4)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff was the prevailing party in the underlying civil action and represented that his net worth did not exceed \$2,000,000 when the action was filed. The parties agreed to compromise Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney fees and expenses for \$8,250.00, with no costs awarded under 28 U.S.C. § 1920. The stipulation addressed the potential assignment of fees to Plaintiff's attorney and offsets for qualifying government debts.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff brought a civil action against the Commissioner of Social Security. After Plaintiff became the prevailing party, the parties submitted a stipulation seeking an EAJA award. The district court entered an order approving the stipulation and awarding \$8,250.00, subject to its terms.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2528-29 (2010)