

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
ILLINOIS

Elizabeth D. v. Commissioner of Social Security

Elizabeth D. · No. 3:25-cv-00216-GCS · Decided December 17, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois granted Plaintiff's application for attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The Court awarded \$3,752.20, explaining that the award belongs to Plaintiff, may be offset against qualifying federal debt, and may be payable to counsel pursuant to the assignment if no offset applies.

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

ELIZABETH D.1)

) Plaintiff,)) vs.) Civil No. 3:25-cv-00216-GCS)

COMMISSIONER of SOCIAL)

SECURITY,)

) Defendant.)

MEMORANDUM & ORDER

SISON, Magistrate Judge: Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's application for award of fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"). (Doc. 21). Specifically, Plaintiff seeks \$3,752.20 in fees and expenses. Defendant filed a response indicating that it does not dispute that the fee is reasonable. The Court GRANTS the motion. Pursuant to the EAJA, it is hereby ordered that Plaintiff is awarded \$3,752.20 for attorney fees and expenses in full satisfaction of any and all claims for attorney fees and expenses that may be payable to Plaintiff in this matter under the EAJA, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. Any fees paid belong to Plaintiff and not Plaintiff's attorney and can be offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt that the litigant owes the United States. See *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 1 Plaintiff's full name will not be used in this Memorandum & Order due to privacy concerns. See FED. R. CIV. PROC. 5.2(c) and the Advisory Committee Notes thereto. Page 1 of 2 (2010). If Defendant can verify that Plaintiff does not owe a pre-existing debt to the government subject to the offset, Defendant will direct that the award be made payable to Kelsey Young pursuant to the EAJA assignment duly signed by Plaintiff. If payment is mailed, as compared to electronically deposited, it shall be mailed to counsel's address of record: Parmele

Law Firm PC 1545 E. Primrose St. Springfield, MO 65804 IT IS SO ORDERED. Digitally signed
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