

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Briana Louise Couch v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social
Security

Couch v. Bisignano · No. 2:24-CV-01988-EFB · Decided November 19, 2025

SUMMARY

The document is a stipulation and proposed order in a Social Security action agreeing to an award of \$10,000 in attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California approved the stipulation on November 19, 2025, subject to potential Treasury offset procedures.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Edmund F. Brennan
DECIDED	November 19, 2025
DOCKET	2:24-CV-01988-EFB
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties submitted a stipulation and proposed order requesting an award of attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Briana Louise Couch v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

- attorney fees
- administrative law
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Social Security
- Equal Access to Justice Act
- attorney fees

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should approve the parties' stipulated \$10,000 award of attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The parties agreed to a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for attorney fees and expenses under the EAJA in the amount of \$10,000. The stipulation addressed potential Treasury Offset Program offsets and whether payment should be made to Plaintiff or her attorney.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff and the Commissioner stipulated to an EAJA award of \$10,000, subject to court approval. The court approved the stipulation and ordered the award.

DISPOSITION

approved

CASES CITED

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

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