

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

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OPINION

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

PER CURIAM.

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BRIANA LOUISE COUCH, ) Case No. 2:24-CV-01988-EFB

9 ) 10 Plaintiff ) STIPULATION AND PROPOSED

) ORDER FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S

11 v. ) FEES UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO

) JUSTICE ACT (EAJA)

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FRANK BISIGNANO, )

13 Commissioner of Social Security, ) ) 14 Defendant ) ) 15

\_\_\_\_\_ ) 16 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between

the parties through their undersigned counsel, 17 subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff  
be awarded attorney fees and expenses in the 18 amount of TEN THOUSAND dollars  
(\$10,000.00) under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 19 U.S.C. § 2412(d). 20 After the  
Court issues an order for payment of EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff, the 21 government will  
consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff's attorney.  
The government's ability to honor the assignment will depend on whether the 22 fees and  
expenses are subject to an offset allowed under the United States Department of the 23 Treasury's  
Offset Program pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010). After the order of 24 EAJA  
fees and expenses is entered, the government will determine if they are subject to an offset. 25 If it  
is determined that Plaintiff's EAJA fees and expenses are not subject to an offset under 26 Astrue  
v. Ratliff, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010) and the Department of Treasury's Offset Program, then the 27  
check for EAJA fees and expenses shall be made payable to Jacqueline A. Forslund, based upon

28 Plaintiff's assignment of these amounts to Plaintiff's attorney. 1 The parties agree that whether these checks are made payable to Plaintiff or Jacqueline A. > || Forslund, such checks shall be mailed to Plaintiff's attorney. 3 This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney 1 fees, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant under the EAJA or otherwise. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any 5 and all claims that Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's Counsel may have relating to EAJA attorney fees in 6 connection with this action. 4 8 Respectfully submitted, || Date: November 4, 2025 JACQUELINE A. FORSLUND 10 Attorney at Law 11 1 /s/Jacqueline A. Forslund

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13 Attorney for Plaintiff 14 Date: November 4, 2025 KIMBERLY A. SANCHEZ 1 Acting United States Attorney

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23 ORDER

24 || APPROVED AND SO ORDERED

25 DATED: November 19, 2025 litte. ABA

EDMUND F. BRENNAN

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Couch v. Bisignano Stipulation and Prepesed Order E.D. Cal. 2:24-cv-01988-EFB