

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

Katie May Ellen Beard v. Commissioner of Social Security

Beard · No. 6:25-cv-00680-HL · Decided November 26, 2025

SUMMARY

This is an order of the United States District Court for the District of Oregon awarding Plaintiff Katie May Ellen Beard \$604.41 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. The order directs payment to Plaintiff’s attorney subject to verification of any qualifying debt under the Treasury Offset Program. It is dated November 26, 2025, in Case No. 6:25-cv-00680-HL.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Oregon
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Andrew D. Hallman
DECIDED	November 26, 2025
DOCKET	6:25-cv-00680-HL
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Order awarding attorney fees to Plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act following Social Security litigation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Katie May Ellen Beard v. Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

- attorney fees
- administrative law
- remedies
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Social Security
- administrative law
- attorney fees
- federal civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Plaintiff was entitled to an attorney-fee award under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
- How the fee award should be paid in light of potential federal debt subject to the Treasury Offset Program.

HOLDINGS

1. Plaintiff shall receive an attorney-fee award of \$604.41 pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412.
2. Payment of the fee award is dependent upon verification that Plaintiff has no debt qualifying for offset under the Treasury Offset Program; if such debt exists, the debt must be offset before any remaining funds are paid.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“It is hereby ORDERED that attorney fees in the amount of \$604.41 shall be awarded to Plaintiff pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion concerns Plaintiff's request for attorney fees incurred in litigation against the Commissioner of Social Security. The court awarded \$604.41 under the Equal Access to Justice Act. It directed that payment be made to Plaintiff's attorney only if Plaintiff had no debt subject to offset; otherwise, any remaining funds after offset would be payable to Plaintiff.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff sought attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The District Court ordered an award of \$604.41 and directed that payment be subject to verification for qualifying federal debt and possible offset under the Treasury Offset Program.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

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