

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Dylan Joshua Robinson v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social
Security

Robinson v. Bisignano · No. 1:24-cv-00828-BAM · Decided October 22, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is a stipulation and order awarding Plaintiff Dylan Joshua Robinson \$5,000 in attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act in a Social Security case. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California approved the award on October 22, 2025, subject to the terms addressing Treasury Offset Program debts and payment to counsel. The award is without prejudice to any later request for fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	October 22, 2025
DOCKET	1:24-cv-00828-BAM
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties stipulated to an award of attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act after Plaintiff prevailed in the Social Security action. The district court approved the stipulation and ordered an EAJA award of \$5,000.00, subject to its terms.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Dylan Joshua Robinson v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

- attorney fees
- costs
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PRACTICE AREAS

- Social Security
- administrative law
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should approve the parties' stipulation for an award of attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
2. Whether the EAJA award should be made to Plaintiff subject to the Treasury Offset Program and the parties' agreed payment conditions.

HOLDINGS

1. The court approved the parties' stipulation and awarded Plaintiff \$5,000.00 in fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act, subject to the terms of the stipulation.
2. The EAJA fees are awarded to Plaintiff and remain subject to offset under the Treasury Offset Program; payment may be made to Plaintiff's attorney only if the Commissioner determines that the assignment and statutory conditions are satisfied and waives the Anti-Assignment Act requirements.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“IT IS ORDERED that fees and expenses in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$5,000.00) 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.” (at 2)

“Under Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2528-29 (2010), EAJA fees awarded by this Court belong to the Plaintiff and are subject to offset under the Treasury Offset Program” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff was the prevailing party in the underlying Social Security action. The parties agreed that Plaintiff qualified for EAJA fees because his net worth did not exceed \$2,000,000 when the action was filed. They stipulated to \$5,000.00 in attorney fees and expenses and no costs, subject to statutory offset and payment conditions.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff brought a civil action seeking review of a Social Security decision. After Plaintiff prevailed, the parties submitted a stipulation resolving Plaintiff's request for EAJA fees and expenses. The district court approved the stipulated award on October 22, 2025.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586 (2010)