

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

Melissa Marie Hasvold v. Commissioner of Social Security

Hasvold · No. 3:25-cv-00185-YY · Decided January 29, 2026

SUMMARY

This order awards Plaintiff \$2,810.59 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act in a Social Security case. It directs payment to Plaintiff’s attorney, subject to verification of any debt eligible for offset under the Treasury Offset Program.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Oregon
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Youlee Yim You
DECIDED	January 29, 2026
DOCKET	3:25-cv-00185-YY
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Order awarding attorney fees to the plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act following judicial review of a Social Security matter.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Melissa Marie Hasvold v. Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

- attorney fees
- administrative law
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Social Security
- administrative law
- attorney fees

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the plaintiff should receive an award of \$2,810.59 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
- Whether payment of the fee award must be subject to verification for qualifying debt and possible offset under the Treasury Offset Program.

HOLDINGS

1. The court awarded Plaintiff \$2,810.59 in attorney fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412.
2. The fee award must be paid subject to verification that Plaintiff has no debt qualifying for offset under the Treasury Offset Program; if such a debt exists, qualifying funds are to be applied to the debt and any remainder paid as directed.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The plaintiff prevailed sufficiently in the underlying Social Security litigation to seek attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The court awarded \$2,810.59 and directed that payment be made to the plaintiff's attorney if the plaintiff had no qualifying debt, with any offset handled through the Treasury Offset Program.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The plaintiff sought review of a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security in federal district court. The court entered this order awarding \$2,810.59 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, subject to verification and possible offset for qualifying federal debt.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

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

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON MELISSA MARIE HASVOLD, 3:25-cv-00185-YY Plaintiff, vs. ORDER COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY, Defendant. It is hereby ORDERED that attorney fees in the amount of \$2,810.59 shall be awarded to Plaintiff pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. Attorney fees will be paid to Plaintiff's attorney, dependent upon verification that Plaintiff has no debt which qualifies for offset against the awarded fees, pursuant to the Treasury Offset Program as discussed in Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S.Ct.

2521 (2010). If Plaintiff has no such debt, then the fees shall be delivered via electronic funds transfer or by check made out to Plaintiff's attorney Kevin Kerr, and mailed to Plaintiff's attorney's office as follows: NW Disability benefits, LLC dba Kerr Robichaux & Carroll (TID 85-3999428), P.O. Box 14490, Portland, OR 97293. If Plaintiff has a debt, then any remaining funds after offset of the debt shall be made payable to Plaintiff and sent via electronic funds transfer or by check mailed to Plaintiff's attorney's office at the address stated above.

DATED this 29 t h d a y o f J a n u a r y , 2026. / s / Y o u l e e
Y i m Y o u Youlee Yim You United States Magistrate Judge Submitted by:
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