

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)