

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

Joshua Frantz v. Commissioner, Social Security Administration

Frantz · No. 6:24-cv-01767-YY · Decided March 17, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Oregon ordered an award of \$7,722.67 in attorney fees to the plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The order specifies that payment is subject to any federal treasury offset for debts owed by the plaintiff and states that no costs or expenses are awarded.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Oregon
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Youlee Yim You
DECIDED	March 17, 2026
DOCKET	6:24-cv-01767-YY
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Order awarding attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act based on the parties' stipulation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; nonprecedential.
PARTIES	Joshua Frantz v. Commissioner, Social Security Administration

TOPICS

- attorney fees
- administrative law
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Social Security
- administrative law
- attorney fees

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether attorney fees should be awarded to the plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act pursuant to the parties' stipulation.
- How the fee award should be paid if the plaintiff owes a debt subject to the federal treasury offset program.

HOLDINGS

1. Based on the parties' stipulation, the plaintiff is entitled to an attorney-fee award of \$7,722.67 under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412.
2. If the Commissioner confirms that the plaintiff owes no debt to the federal government through the treasury offset program, payment shall be made by check to plaintiff's counsel; if the plaintiff owes such a debt, any remaining funds after offset shall be made payable to the plaintiff and mailed to counsel's address.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion concerns a stipulated request for attorney fees incurred in the plaintiff's Social Security matter. The court awarded \$7,722.67 under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The order also addressed potential offset of the award against any federal debt owed by the plaintiff and stated that no costs or expenses would be paid.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties submitted a stipulation concerning an award of attorney fees. The district court ordered an award of \$7,722.67 to the plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act and specified the payment procedure depending on whether the plaintiff owed a debt subject to federal treasury offset.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2527 (2010)

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON JOSHUA FRANTZ, Case No. 6:24-cv-01767-YY Plaintiff, ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES PURSUANT TO EAJA vs. COMMISSIONER, Social Security Administration, Defendant. Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, it is ORDERED that attorney fees in the amount of \$7,722.67 are hereby awarded to Plaintiff, pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

Pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2527 (2010), if the Commissioner confirms that Plaintiff owes no debt to the Government through the federal treasury offset program, payment of this award shall be made by check made payable and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel, Katherine L. Eitenmiller, WELLS, MANNING, EITENMILLER & TAYLOR, P.C., 474 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon 97401.

If Plaintiff has such debt, the check for any remaining funds after offset shall be made out to Plaintiff and mailed to counsel's address provided above. There are no costs or expenses to be paid herein. Dated this 17th day of March 2026. /s/_/ Y_o_u_l_e_e_
Y_im_ _Y_o_u_ YOULEE YIM YOU United States Magistrate Judge
Proposed Order submitted by: Katherine L. Eitenmiller WELLS, MANNING, EITENMILLER & TAYLOR, P.C.

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