

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON,
EUGENE DIVISION**

Jeremy Little v. Commissioner, Social Security Administration

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26, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Oregon awards Jeremy Little \$8,325.00 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The order explains that the fees belong to the plaintiff and may be subject to offset under the Treasury Offset Program, with payment to the attorney permitted if specified conditions are satisfied.

OPINION

Little

PER CURIAM.

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DISTRICT OF OREGON

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JEREMY LITTLE,)

) Plaintiff,)) v.) CIVIL No. 6:25-CV-00737-AB)

COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL) ORDER AWARDING FEES

SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,) PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL

) ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT

) Defendant.) For the reasons set forth in the parties' stipulated motion for attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, et seq., and good cause shown, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS: Plaintiff is hereby awarded \$8,325.00 in fees under the EAJA. 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 (31 U.S.C. § 3716(c)(3)(B) (2006)). Any EAJA fees should therefore be awarded to Plaintiff and not to Plaintiff's attorney. If, after receiving the Court's EAJA fee order, the Commissioner (1) determines that Plaintiff has assigned his right to EAJA fees to his attorney; (2) determines that Plaintiff does not owe a debt that is subject to offset under the Treasury Offset Program, and (3) agrees to waive the requirements of the Anti-Assignment Act, then the EAJA fees will be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney. However, if there is a debt owed under the Treasury Offset

Program, the Commissioner cannot agree to waive the requirements of the Anti-Assignment Act, and the remaining EAJA fees after offset will be paid by a check or electronic fund transfer (EFT) made out to Plaintiff but delivered to Plaintiff s attorney. IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED this _26th day of _ February __, 2026.

HONORABLE AMY M. BAGGIO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Presented by: /s/ Rory J. Linerud

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ORDER - EAJA FEES