

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

Brian Keith Honeycutt v. Commissioner of Social Security

Honeycutt · No. 1:25-cv-00831-EPG · Decided January 16, 2026

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8
9 BRIAN KEITH HONEYCUTT, Case No. 1:25-cv-00831-EPG 10 Plaintiff, STIPULATION
FOR THE AWARD AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AND 11 v. EXPENSES
PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL 12 ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT; ORDER COMMISSIONER OF
SOCIAL SECURITY, 13 (ECF No. 19) Defendant. 14 15 16 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by
and between the parties through their undersigned counsel, 17 subject to the approval of the Court,
that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees and expenses in the amount 18 of \$9,570.00, under the
Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), and no costs under 19 28 U.S.C. §
1920.

This amount represents compensation for all legal services rendered on behalf of 20 Plaintiff by
counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 2412(d), 21 1920. 22
After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees to Plaintiff, the government will consider the 23
matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees to counsel. Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S.
586, 598, 130 S.Ct.

2521, 177 L.Ed.2d 91 (2010), the ability to honor the assignment will depend on 24 whether the
fees are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the 25 Treasury's
Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will determine 26
whether they are subject to any offset. 27 1 Fees shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the
Department of the Treasury determines that 2 Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the
government shall cause the payment of fees, expenses 3 and costs to be made directly to Plaintiff's
counsel, Paul Sachelari, pursuant to the assignment 4 executed by Plaintiff.

Payments may be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) or by check. 5 This stipulation
constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney 6 fees and does not
constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant under the EAJA or 7 otherwise.
Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any 8 and all
claims that Plaintiff and/or Paul Sachelari, including the Law Office of Paul Sachelari, PC, 9 may
have relating to EAJA attorney fees in connection with this action.

10 This award is without prejudice to the rights of Paul Sachelari to seek Social Security Act 11
attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the savings clause provisions of the EAJA. 12

Respectfully submitted, 13 Dated: January 15, 2026 Law Office of Paul Sachelari, PC 14 15 By:
/s/ Paul Sachelari PAUL SACHELARI 16 Attorney for Plaintiff 17 Dated: January 15, 2026 ERIC
GRANT 18 United States Attorney 19 MATHEW W. PILE Associate General Counsel 20 Social
Security Administration 21 By: Oscar Gonzalez de Llano* OSCAR GONZALEZ DE LLANO 22
Special Assistant U.S. Attorney 23 Attorneys for Defendant (*Permission to use electronic
signature 24 obtained via email on January 15, 2026).

25 26 27 1 ORDER 2 Based upon the parties' Stipulation for the Award and Payment of Equal
Access to Justice Act 3 || Fees and Expenses (ECF No. 19), IT IS ORDERED that fees and
expenses in the amount of 4 \$9,570.00 as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and no costs under 28
U.S.C. § 1920, are awarded 5 subject to the terms of the Stipulation. IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 7|| Dated: _ January 16, 2026 |sJe— heey ——— 3 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 9
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