

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

Mariah C. v. Commissioner Social Security

Mariah C. · No. 6:24-cv-01927-AB · Decided January 5, 2026

SUMMARY

This document is an order from the United States District Court for the District of Oregon awarding attorney fees and postage expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The court awards \$15,000 in EAJA fees and \$20 in postage expenses, payable to Plaintiff’s attorney subject to any qualifying debts under Astrue v. Ratliff.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Oregon
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Amy M. Baggio
DECIDED	January 5, 2026
DOCKET	6:24-cv-01927-AB
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff moved for an award of attorney fees and postage expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act following an action against the Commissioner of Social Security.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown

TOPICS

- attorney fees
- costs
- administrative law
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- administrative law
- attorney fees
- costs

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Plaintiff was entitled to an award of attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
- Whether the EAJA fee check could be made payable to Plaintiff’s attorney pursuant to Plaintiff’s assignment, subject to satisfaction of Plaintiff’s federal debts.

HOLDINGS

1. Plaintiff is awarded \$15,000 in attorney fees and \$20 in postage expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
2. The EAJA fee check may be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to Plaintiff's assignment, but payment remains subject to satisfaction of Plaintiff's debts, if any.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“\$15,000.00 is awarded to Plaintiff in care of her attorney, Nancy J. Meserow, and the check for EAJA fees shall be made payable to Nancy J. Meserow, based upon Plaintiff’s assignment of these amounts to Plaintiff’s attorney Nancy J. Meserow, subject to the satisfaction of Plaintiff’s debts, if any, under Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010); and in addition, Plaintiff is awarded \$20.00 for postage expenses, so that the total amount awarded equals \$15,020.00.” (Order at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff submitted a motion and supporting documentation seeking an award under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The court awarded \$15,000 in attorney fees and \$20 in postage expenses, directing that payment be made to Plaintiff in care of her attorney and subject to any qualifying federal debt.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

After reviewing Plaintiff's motion, supporting documentation, and Defendant's response, the district court entered an order awarding EAJA fees and postage expenses.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

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

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON MARIAH C. Civil No. 6:24 - cv-01927-AB Plaintiff, ORDER TO PAY vs., EAJA FEES COMMISSIONER SOCIAL SECURITY, Defendant. BAGGIO, Judge: Following my review of Plaintiff’s Motion and supporting documentation, and after consideration of Defendant’s response, and pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, \$15,000.00 is awarded to Plaintiff in care of her attorney, Nancy J. Meserow, and the check for EAJA fees shall be made payable to Nancy J. Meserow, based upon Plaintiff’s assignment of these amounts to Plaintiff’s attorney Nancy J. Meserow, subject to the satisfaction of Plaintiff's debts, if any, under Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S. Ct.

2521 (2010); and in addition, Plaintiff is awarded \$20.00 for postage expenses, so that the total amount awarded equals \$15,020.00. Any check issued for EAJA fees, costs, or expenses shall be

sent to Plaintiff in care of her attorney, Nancy J. Meserow, at her office, located at the following address: ORDER to pay EAJA fees- 6:24-cv-01927-AB Page 1 Law Office of Nancy J. Meserow 7540 SW 51" Ave. Portland, OR 97219.

IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated this Oth day of January, 2026 United States District Judge, AMY M. BAGGIO ORDER to pay EAJA fees- 6:24-cv-01927-AB Page 2