

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Hannah Nicole Hayes v. Frank Bisignano

Hayes · No. 1:25-cv-00215-SKO · Decided July 9, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is a stipulation and unopposed motion for an award of attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act in a Social Security action. The court approved an award of \$8,150 in fees and expenses, with no costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1920, subject to the terms of the stipulation.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Sheila K. Oberto
DECIDED	July 9, 2025
DOCKET	1:25-cv-00215-SKO
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties submitted a stipulation and unopposed motion seeking an award of attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The court approved the stipulation and ordered the award.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential order
PARTIES	Hannah Nicole Hayes v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

TOPICS

- attorney fees administrative law remedies civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Social Security administrative law attorney fees

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should approve the parties' stipulation and award Plaintiff \$8,150 in attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

2. Whether costs should be awarded under 28 U.S.C. § 1920.

HOLDINGS

1. The court approved the parties' stipulation and awarded Plaintiff \$8,150 in attorney fees and expenses as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 2412, subject to the stipulation's terms.
2. No costs were awarded under 28 U.S.C. § 1920.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff sought attorney fees and expenses incurred in connection with this civil action. The parties stipulated to an EAJA award of \$8,150, with payment payable to Plaintiff and potentially directed to counsel if the Department of the Treasury determined that Plaintiff owed no federal debt.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In this Social Security action, the parties agreed to resolve Plaintiff's request for EAJA fees and expenses. The court awarded Plaintiff \$8,150 in fees and expenses under 28 U.S.C. § 2412 and denied costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1920, subject to the terms of the stipulation.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 598 (2010)