

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

**Teri Vonne Green v. Frank J. Bisignano, Commissioner of the Social
Security Administration**

Green · No. CIV-25-372-GLJ · Decided April 3, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma grants Teri Vonne Green’s unopposed motion for attorney’s fees and costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The court orders payment of \$8,772.00 in attorney’s fees and \$405.00 in costs to Green, subject to a refund obligation if counsel later receives fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b)(1).

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA TERI VONNE GREEN,) Plaintiff,)) vs.)) FRANK J. BISIGNANO,) Case No. CIV-25-372-GLJ Commissioner of the Social) Security Administration,)) Defendant.) OPINION AND ORDER Claimant, Teri Vonne Green, is the prevailing party in this action under the Social Security Act. Claimant seeks reimbursement of an award of attorney’s fees in the amount of \$8,772.00 and costs in the amount of \$405.00, pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) [Docket Nos. 16 & 17].

The Commissioner does not oppose an award of attorney fees or costs in the amount requested [Docket No. 17]. Upon review of the record herein, the Court finds that the requested amount is reasonable, and that the Commissioner should be ordered to pay it to Claimant as the prevailing party herein. See 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(A) (“Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, a court shall award to a prevailing party other than the United States fees and other expenses, in addition to any costs awarded pursuant to subsection (a), incurred by that party in any civil action (other than cases sounding in tort)[.]”); see also *Manning v. Astrue*, 510 F.3d 1246, 1251 (10th Cir.

2007) (“The EAJA therefore permits attorney’s fees reimbursement to financially eligible prevailing parties, who make a proper application, and not to their attorneys.”). Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Combined Unopposed Motion and Brief for Attorney’s Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act [Docket No. 17] is hereby granted and that the Government is therefore ordered to pay the above-referenced fee award and costs to Claimant as the prevailing party herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Claimant's attorney is subsequently awarded any fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b)(1), said attorney shall refund the smaller amount of such fees to Claimant pursuant to Weakley v. Bowen, 803 F.2d 575, 580 (10th Cir. 1986). DATED this 3rd day of April, 2026. _ GERALD L. JACKSON UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 2

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