

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Veronica Yanez v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of the Social
Security Administration

Yanez · No. 2:24-cv-002285-CSK · Decided September 8, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is a stipulation and proposed order in a Social Security action in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. The court approved an award of \$7,424.23 in attorney fees and expenses to Plaintiff Veronica Yanez under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), subject to the terms of the parties’ stipulation.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chi Soo Kim
DECIDED	September 8, 2025
DOCKET	2:24-cv-002285-CSK
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties stipulated to an award of attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act in connection with Plaintiff's Social Security action. The court approved the stipulation and awarded Plaintiff \$7,424.23.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential order
PARTIES	Veronica Yanez v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of the Social Security Administration

TOPICS

- attorney fees
- civil procedure
- remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

- Social Security
- Equal Access to Justice Act
- attorney fees
- federal civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should approve the parties' stipulation and award Plaintiff \$7,424.23 in attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff is awarded \$7,424.23 in fees and expenses under 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), inclusive of all amounts claimed, subject to and in accordance with the terms of the parties' foregoing Stipulation." (at 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The parties agreed that Plaintiff should receive \$7,424.23 in attorney fees and expenses under 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). The stipulation provided that payment would be made to Plaintiff, subject to any federal-debt offset, and could be paid directly to Plaintiff's attorney if no offset applied. The award was without prejudice to counsel's ability to seek fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the EAJA savings clause.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The underlying action was brought against the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. After the parties reached a stipulation regarding EAJA fees, they submitted the stipulation and proposed order to the court. On September 8, 2025, the court entered an order awarding the stipulated amount.

DISPOSITION

approved

CASES CITED

- Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 597-598 (2010)

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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7 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

9 VERONICA YANEZ, Case No.: 2:24-cv-002285-CSK 10 Plaintiff,

STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER

11 v. FOR THE AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES

PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL ACCESS TO

12 FRANK BISIGNANO, JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C. § 2412

Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, Defendant. IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their undersigned counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees and expenses in the above-entitled action in the amount of \$7,424.23 under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). This amount represents compensation for all legal services and expenses incurred on behalf of Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil action. Upon the Court's issuance of an order granting EAJA fees to Plaintiff, the government will determine the issue of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees to Plaintiff's attorney. Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 597-598 (2010), the ability to honor the assignment will depend on if the fees are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will promptly determine whether they are subject to any offset. Fees shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government will cause the payment of fees to be made directly to Plaintiff's attorney, LAW OFFICE OF JARED T. WALKER, P.C., pursuant to the assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made to Plaintiff will be delivered to JARED T. WALKER. This stipulation constitutes a settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney fees and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of defendant under the EAJA or otherwise. Payment of the agreed amount will constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's attorney, including LAW OFFICE OF JARED T. WALKER, P.C., may have relating to EAJA attorney fees in connection with this action. This award is without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff's counsel to seek Social Security attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the savings clause provisions of the EAJA. Dated: September 4, 2025 Respectfully submitted, /s/ Jared Walker

JARED WALKER,

Attorney for Plaintiff SO STIPULATED:

ERIC GRANT

United States Attorney By: /s/ *Jeffrey Staples

JEFFREY E. STAPLES

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ORDER

Based upon the parties' Stipulation for Award of Attorney Fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff is awarded \$7,424.23 in fees and expenses under 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), inclusive of all amounts claimed, subject to and in accordance with the terms of the parties' foregoing Stipulation. Dated: September 8, 2025 . Cn Sno |

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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