

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Jolene Cox v. Commissioner of Social Security

Cox · No. 3:25-cv-05234-PHK · Decided January 8, 2026

OPINION

Cox

PER CURIAM.

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JOLENE COX,

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STIPULATION FOR EAJA ATTORNEY FEES

Plaintiff, 12 and COSTS; Order 13 v.

14 COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL

15 SECURITY,

16 Defendant. 17 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their

18 undersigned counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff be 19 awarded Two

Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One Dollars and Thirty Four 20 Cents in (\$2,921.34) in Attorney

Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act 21 (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). Plaintiff shall also be

awarded Four Hundred 22 and Five Dollars (\$405.00) in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 1920,

2412(d). 23 These amounts represent compensation for all legal services rendered on behalf 24 of

Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil action. 25 After the Court issues an order for

EAJA fees and Costs to Plaintiff, the 26 government will consider the matter of Plaintiff's

assignment of EAJA fees to 27 Plaintiff's attorney. Pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S.Ct. 2521,

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(2010), the ability to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees are

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1 subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the 2 Treasury's Offset

Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the 3 government will determine whether they are subject to any offset. 4 If the Department of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a 5 6 federal debt, then the government shall cause the payment of fees to be made and 7 delivered directly to GEORGEANA ROUSSOS, Plaintiff's counsel, pursuant to 8 the assignment executed by Plaintiff. (Attached) 9 This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for 10 EAJA attorney fees and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part 11 of Defendant under the EAJA. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a 12 complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or 13 Plaintiff's counsel may have relating to EAJA attorney fees in connection with 14 this action. This award is without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff's counsel to 15 seek Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406, subject to the 16 provisions of the EAJA. 17 ATTACHED is an assignment signed by PLAINTIFF JOLENE COX 18 19 naming Attorney GEORGEANA ROUSSOS as the assignee for payment. 20 By:/s/ Georgeana K. Roussos Date: December 18, 2025 Georgeana K. Roussos 21 Counsel for Plaintiff Jolene Cox 22 23 By:/s/ Erin Highland_____** Date: December 18, 2025 Erin Highland 24 Attorney | Program Litigation 1 25 Law & Policy | Social Security Administration 26 Counsel for Defendant 27 ** (as approved by email on Dec. 18, 2025) 28
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10 ORDER

11 12 13 || PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED: 14

15 '6 | Dated: January 8, 2026 By:_ | 0 ' 17 The Honorable Peter H. me 18 United States Magistrate Judge 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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