

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

Mercedes K. Collins v. Frank Bisignano, Commissioner of Social Security

Collins · No. 3:25-cv-00754-AR · Decided May 26, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Oregon approved the parties' stipulation awarding Plaintiff Mercedes K. Collins \$5,510.82 in attorney fees and \$405.00 in costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act. The order explains that the award is payable by the Social Security Administration and the Treasury Judgment Fund, subject to offset for any qualifying pre-existing federal debt, and may be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney if no such debt exists and an EAJA assignment is verified.

OPINION

Collins

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

MERCEDES K. COLLINS,)

Plaintiff,) Vv. No. 3:25-cv-00754-AR

FRANK BISIGNANO,

Commissioner of Social Security,) Defendant.

ORDER

Pursuant to the parties' stipulation, the Court awards Plaintiff attorney fees in the amount of \$5,510.82 and costs in the amount of \$405.00 in full satisfaction and settlement of any and all claims Plaintiff may have under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) in this case. The award of attorney fees will satisfy all of Plaintiffs claims for fees, costs, and expenses under 28 U.S.C. § 2412 in this case. Attorney fees shall be paid by the Social Security Administration and costs shall be paid from the Judgment Fund administered by the United States Treasury and not by Defendant. Any fees paid belong to Plaintiff and not her attorney and can be offset to satisfy pre-existing debt that the litigant owes the United States under *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010). If counsel for the parties can verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt subject to offset, Defendant agrees to direct that the award be made payable to Plaintiffs attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment duly signed by Plaintiff and counsel. Dated: May 26, 2026 ou 4 Armistead United State gistrate Judge

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