

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

LAVERNE Y. YOUNT,)
Guardian of J.L.L. and C.W.L.)
(Deceased’s minor children) on behalf of)
SHARON LEE ANN)
JACKSON, deceased,)

Plaintiff,)

Case No. CIV-12-26-SPS

v.)

CAROLYN W. COLVIN,)
Acting Commissioner of the Social)
Security Administration,¹)

Defendant.)

**OPINION AND ORDER AWARDING
ATTORNEYS’ FEES TO THE PLAINTIFF UNDER THE EAJA**

The Plaintiff was the prevailing party in this appeal of the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration’s decision denying benefits under the Social Security Act. The Plaintiff seeks an award of attorneys’ fees in the amount of \$4,411.30 and costs in the amount of \$369.80 under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. The Commissioner indicates that he has no objection to an award of attorneys’ fees in the amount of \$4,411.30 and costs in the amount of \$369.80 to the Plaintiff.

Upon review of the record herein, the Court finds that said amount is reasonable

¹ On February 14, 2013, Carolyn W. Colvin became the Acting Commissioner of Social Security. In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d), Ms. Colvin is substituted for Michael J. Astrue as the Defendant in this action.

and that the Commissioner should be ordered to pay it to the Plaintiff 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 . . . fees and other expenses . . . incurred by that party in any civil action [.]”). *See also Manning v. Astrue*, 510 F.3d 1246, 1249-50 (10th Cir. 2007), *cert. denied*, 555 U.S. 993, 129 S. Ct. 486, 172 L. Ed. 2d 355 (2008).

Accordingly, Plaintiff’s Application for Award of Attorney’s Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act 28 U.S.C. § 2412 [Docket No. 21] is hereby GRANTED, and the Commissioner is hereby ordered to pay attorneys’ fees in the amount of \$4,411.30 and costs in the amount of \$369.80 to the Plaintiff as the prevailing party herein.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 15th day of May, 2013.



Steven P. Shreder
United States Magistrate Judge
Eastern District of Oklahoma