

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

CORA E. ENGLISH-ELDELL,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:19-cv-160-TFM-B
)	
ANDREW M. SAUL,)	
Commissioner of Social Security,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

On January 7, 2020, the Magistrate Judge entered a Report and Recommendation (Doc. 23), to which no objections have been filed. After due and proper consideration of all portions of this file the Report and Recommendation is **ADOPTED** as the opinion of this Court. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees (Doc. 19) pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act is **GRANTED in part** and **DENIED in part**. Plaintiff is hereby **AWARDED** fees in the amount of **\$4,205.55** under the Equal Access to Justice Act.¹

DONE and **ORDERED** this the 28th day of January, 2020.

/s/Terry F. Moorer
TERRY F. MOORER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ On May 5, 2008, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals decided *Reeves v. Astrue*, 526 F.3d 732 (11th Cir. 2008) in which the Court unambiguously held that "attorney's fees are awarded to the prevailing party, not to the prevailing party's attorney." *Id.* at 738. On June 14, 2010, the United States Supreme Court decided *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 177 L.Ed.2d 91 (2010) in which the Court also unambiguously held that attorney's fees are awarded to the prevailing litigant – not to prevailing litigant's attorney – and are therefore also subject to any offset for debts.