

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
JONESBORO DIVISION**

LORETTA PEOPLES

PLAINTIFF

V.

CASE NO.: 3:10CV00268 BD

**MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner,
Social Security Administration**

DEFENDANT

ORDER

Pending is Plaintiff Loretta Peoples's Motion for an Award of Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412 (docket entry #22). In her motion, Ms. Peoples requests fees and expenses in the amount of \$3,701.67. The Commissioner does not object to the amount requested (#24). Accordingly, Ms. Peoples's motion (#22) is GRANTED, and she is awarded \$3,701.67 in fees and expenses.

Under the Treasury Department's Offset Program ("TOP"), attorney's fee awards are subject to administrative offset when the plaintiff has outstanding federal debts. The Commissioner should contact the Treasury Department to determine whether Ms. Peoples owes any debt, as of the date of this Order. If Ms. Peoples owes a debt under the TOP, the Commissioner must pay the EAJA award to her, deducting any offset owed under the TOP. If Ms. Peoples does not owe a debt under the TOP, however, the Commissioner is ordered to make the EAJA award check payable directly to Ms. Peoples's attorney, Anthony W. Bartels, and mail it to Mr. Bartels.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 18th day of January, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. [unclear]", written in a cursive style.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE