

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

**CHRISTINA SLANKERD**

**PLAINTIFF**

**V.**

**CASE NO.: 3:11CV00011 BD**

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

**DEFENDANT**

**ORDER**

Pending is Plaintiff Christina Slankerd's Motion for an Award of Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412 (docket entry #16). In her motion, Ms. Slankerd requests fees and expenses in the amount of \$2,462.05. The Commissioner does not object to the amount requested (#18). Accordingly, Ms. Slankerd's motion (#16) is GRANTED, and she is awarded \$2,462.05 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. Slankerd owes any debt, as of the date of this Order. If Ms. Slankerd owes a debt under the TOP, the Commissioner must pay the EAJA award to her, deducting any offset owed under the TOP. If Ms. Slankerd does not owe a debt under the TOP, however, the Commissioner is ordered to make the EAJA award check payable directly to Ms. Slankerd's attorney, Anthony W. Bartels, and mail it to Mr. Bartels.

DATED this 22nd day of February, 2012.

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

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE