

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

LAKESHIA BURTON

PLAINTIFF

V.

NO. 3:13CV00275-JTR

CAROLYN COLVIN,
Acting Commissioner,
Social Security Administration

DEFENDANT

ORDER

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion requesting an award of attorney's fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412.¹ *Doc. 15*. Plaintiff's attorney, Anthony Bartels, requests a total payment of \$2300.58² consisting of: (1) .75 hours of attorney work in 2013 at the adjusted hourly rate of \$187.00 (\$140.25); (2) 9.15 hours of attorney work in 2014-15 at the adjusted hourly rate of \$191.00 (\$1747.65); (3) 5.25 hours of paralegal work at the hourly rate of \$75.00 (\$393.75); and (3) \$18.93 in expenses. The Commissioner does not object to Plaintiff's request. *Doc. 17*.

Under these circumstances, the Court concludes that Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney's fees under the EAJA, and that the amount requested is reasonable.

¹On March 20, 2015, the Court entered an Order and Judgment reversing the Commissioner's decision and remanding this case for further administrative proceedings. *Docs. 13, 14*.

²Plaintiff's Motion erroneously states that the amount requested is \$2306.19, which is contrary to counsel's itemization, *Doc. 16-1, at 11-13*.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Expenses Pursuant to the EAJA, *Doc. 15*, is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff is awarded \$2300.58 in attorney's fees and expenses under the EAJA.³

DATED this 18th day of June, 2015.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

³Consistent with the Commissioner's usual procedure in light of *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), the check awarding EAJA fees should be made payable to Plaintiff, but mailed to the care of Plaintiff's attorney at the attorney's office.