

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

JERRY SIMPSON

PLAINTIFF

V.

NO. 3:15CV00257-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. 17*. The Commissioner has filed a Response. *Doc. 20*.

Plaintiff's attorney, Stephanie Bartels Wallace, requests a total payment of \$2,711.07 consisting of: (1) 11.25 hours of attorney work in 2015 at the adjusted hourly rate of \$191.00 (\$2,148.75); (2) .75 hours of attorney work in 2016 at the adjusted hourly rate of \$193.00 (\$144.75); (3) 5.3 hours of paralegal work at the hourly rate of \$75.00 (\$397.50); and (4) \$20.07 in expenses. The Commissioner does not object to the requested amount.

Accordingly, the Court concludes that Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney's fees and expenses under the EAJA, and that the amount requested is

¹On July 22, 2016, the Court entered an Order and Judgment reversing the Commissioner's decision and remanding this case for further administrative proceedings. *Docs. 15, 16*.

reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Expenses Pursuant to the EAJA, *Doc. 17*, is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff is awarded \$2,711.07 in attorney's fees and expenses under the EAJA.²

DATED this 19th day of October, 2016.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

²Consistent 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.