

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
FORT SMITH DIVISION

LINDA A. PALMER

PLAINTIFF

v.

Civil No. 07-2132

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner  
Social Security Administration

DEFENDANT

**ORDER**

Now on this 23rd day of June 2009, the Court has before it for consideration Plaintiff's request for attorney's fees and costs pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. Also before the Court is Plaintiff's Objection to Report and Recommendations (Doc. 14).

The Court has reviewed this case, *de novo*, and finds that the Report and Recommendation (Doc. 13) filed by the Honorable James R. Marschewski, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, on June 2, 2009, should be adopted *in toto* and hereby awards Plaintiff's attorney fees in the amount of \$3,155.66 representing 20.18 hours of work at a rate of \$156.00 per hour and \$7.58 in expenses. Further, this award should be paid directly to Plaintiff's counsel. *Ratliff v. Astrue*, 540 F.3d 800, 802 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008).

This amount shall be paid in addition to, and not out of, any past-due benefits Plaintiff may be awarded in the future.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Robert T. Dawson  
HONORABLE ROBERT T. DAWSON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE