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9	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		
	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
10	SACRAMENTO DIVISION		
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12	BONNIE LYNN GORDON,)		
) CIVIL NO. 2:10-cv-01198-GGH		
13) STIPULATION AND ORDER AWARDING		
14	v.) ATTORNEY FEES UNDER THE		
15) EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT, MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,) 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)		
13	Commissioner of Social Security,		
16	Defendant.		
17)		
	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties, through their undersigned counsel,		
18	subject to the Court's approval, that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice		
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20	Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS,		
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AND NO CENTS (\$5,900.00). This amount represents compensation for all legal services rendered on behalf of Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §

2412(d).

After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff, the government will consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff's attorney. Pursuant to <u>Astrue v. Ratliff</u>, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010), the ability to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees and expenses are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees and expenses is entered, the government will determine whether they are subject to any offset.

Fees and expenses shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made directly to Bess M. Brewer, pursuant to the assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered to Plaintiff's counsel.

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This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney fees and expenses, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant under the EAJA. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's counsel may have relating to EAJA attorney fees and expenses in connection with this action.

This award is without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff's counsel to seek Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406, subject to the offset provisions of the EAJA.

12 13	Dated: December 8, 2011	<u>/s/Bess M. Brewer</u> (As authorized via email)
14		BESS M. BREWER Attorney for Plaintiff
15 16		BENJAMIN B. WAGNER United States Attorney
17	Dated: December 8, 2011	By: <u>/s/ Shea Lita Bond</u> SHEA LITA BOND
18		Special Assistant United States Attorney
19	IT IS SO ORDERED:	
20	Dated: December 13, 2011	
21		/s/ Gregory G. Hollows UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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