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12	CHERRHONDA LEE ANN CLARK,)	Case No. CIV-2:12-cv-00479-CMK
	Plaintiff,	CEIDLI A EION EOD EUE ANADD AND
13	v. ,	STIPULATION FOR THE AWARD AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES PURSUANT
14	j · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	TO THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT,
15	COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,	28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)
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16	Defendant.	
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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their undersigned counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Cherrhonda Lee Ann Clark will be awarded attorney fees in the amount of four-thousand and ninety-four dollars and fifty-five cents (\$4,094.55) under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). 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). Plaintiff further withdraws her Petition for Attorney's Fees (Doc. 25) in favor of this stipulation.

After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees to Cherrhonda Lee Ann Clark, the Defendant will consider any assignment of EAJA fees to Ann M. Cerney. Pursuant to <u>Astrue v. Ratliff</u>, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2252-2253 (2010), the ability to honor any such assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the Defendant will determine whether they are subject to any offset.

Fees shall be made payable to Cherrhonda Lee Ann Clark, but if the Department of the Treasury determines that Cherrhonda Lee Ann Clark does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the payment of fees to be made directly to the Ann M. Cerney, pursuant to any assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered to Ann M. Cerney.

This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Cherrhonda Lee Ann Clark's request for EAJA attorney fees 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 Cherrhonda Lee Ann Clark and/or Ann M. Cerney may have relating to EAJA attorney fees in connection with this action. This award is without prejudice to the rights of Ann M. Cerney to seek Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the savings clause provisions of the EAJA.

Dated: May 8, 2013

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ann M. Cerney

(as authorized via telephone)

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ORDER

PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

CRAIG M. KELI

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE