(SS) Bay v. (Commissioner of Social Security
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Case No.: 2:17-CV-01034-TLN-KJN

STIPULATION AND ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C. §2412(d)

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties, through their 16 17 undersigned counsel, subject to the Court's approval, that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, ("EAJA") in the amount of 18 TEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$10,625.00) and costs in the 19 amount of FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SIX CENTS (\$425.36). 20 These amounts represent compensation for legal services rendered on behalf of 21 22 Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§1920, 2412(d). 23

After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees and costs to Plaintiff, the Government will consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees and costs 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 are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees and costs is entered, the Government will determine whether the fees are subject to any offset. Fees and costs shall be made payable to Plaintiff. However, if the Department of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the Government shall cause the payment of fees and costs to be made directly to Barbara Marie Rizzo, pursuant to the assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered to Plaintiff's counsel.

This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney fees and costs 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 costs 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(b), subject to the offset provisions of the EAJA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 8, 2018

"/s/Barbara Marie Rizzo" BARBARA MARIE RIZZO Attorney for Plaintiff

Dated: November 8, 2018

"/s/Ben Porter"
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STIPULATION FOR EAJA FEES, Case No. 2:17-cv-01034-TLN-KJN

PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED that Plaintiff shall be awarded attorney fees in the amount of TEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$10,625.00) and costs in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SIX CENTS (\$425.36), as authorized by 28 U.S.C. §\$1920, 2412(d), subject to the terms of the above referenced Stipulation. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: November 9, 2018 ΛΛ Troy L. Nunley United States District Judge STIPULATION FOR EAJA FEES, Case No. 2:17-cv-01034-TLN-KJN