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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SACRAMENTO DIVISION**

TONI A KREIS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANDREW SAUL,
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant

Case No.: 2:17-cv-01633-DMC

**STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR THE
AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES
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 undersigned counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees under the EAJA in the amount of SEVEN-THOUSAND dollars (\$7,000.00). This amount represents compensation for all legal services rendered on behalf of Plaintiff, to date, by counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

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 Astrue v. Ratliff, 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

1 the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees
2 and expenses is entered, the government will determine whether they are subject to any offset.
3 Fees and expenses shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury
4 determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the
5 payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made directly to Shellie Lott, pursuant to the
6 assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered to Plaintiff's counsel.
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8 This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA
9 attorney fees and expenses, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of
10 Defendant under the EAJA. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release
11 from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's counsel may have relating to
12 EAJA attorney fees and expenses in connection with this action.
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14 This award is without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff's counsel to seek Social Security
15 Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406, subject to the offset provisions of the EAJA.
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18 Respectfully submitted,

19 Dated: June 27, 2019

/s/ Shellie Lott

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25 Date: June 27, 2019

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(As authorized via email on 6/24/19)

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15 Pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that attorney fees
16 under EAJA, in the amount of SEVEN-THOUSAND dollars (\$7,000.00), are awarded to
17 Plaintiff, subject to the terms of the stipulation.
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19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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25 **DENNIS M. COTA**
26 **UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**
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