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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
10 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 DERECK S. LEE,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 ANDREW SAUL,

15 Commissioner of Social Security,

16 Defendant

17 No. 2:19-cv-0603 DB

18 **STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR THE**
19 **AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES**
20 **PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL ACCESS**
21 **TO JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d),**
22 **AND COSTS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §**
23 **1920**

24 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their undersigned
25 counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees under the
EAJA in the amount of SEVEN-THOUSAND TWO-HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT dollars
(\$7,268.00) under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), and FOUR-
HUNDRED dollars (\$400.00) in costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1920. 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. §§ 1920; 2412(d).

26 After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff, the government
27 will consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff's
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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 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 Shellie Lott, 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 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 18, 2020

/s/ Shellie Lott
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Dated: December 18, 2020

/s/ Ellinor Coder
(As authorized via email on 12/18/20)
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ORDER

Pursuant to the parties' stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 6, 2021

/s/ DEBORAH BARNES
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE