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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MALIKA KHAN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner, Social

Security Administration

Defendant

NO. 09-CV-3731-LHK

STIPULATION AND ORDER AWARDING ATTORNEY FEES UNDER 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 Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND dollars (\$4,000). 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 to Plaintiff, the government will consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees to Plaintiff's attorney. Pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, – S.Ct. –, 2010 WL 2346547 (U.S. June 14, 2010), the ability to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees are

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subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's 1 Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will 2 3

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determine whether they are subject to any offset. Fees 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 to be made directly to Plaintiff's attorney 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, subject to the provisions of the EAJA.

Dated: November 19, 2010 By: /s/ TOM WEATHERED

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Dated: November 19, 2010 By: /s/ ARMAND ROTH

(As authorized via e-mail)

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

January 28, 2011 Dated:

United States District Judge