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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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11 EDWARD W. CLAYTON,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 LELAND DUDEK, Acting Commissioner
of Social Security,

15 Defendant.
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Case No.: 24-cv-2257-DMS-JLB

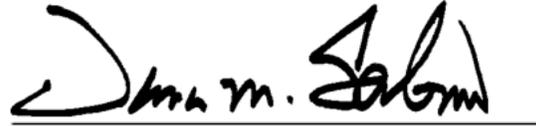
**ORDER GRANTING JOINT
MOTION FOR THE AWARD AND
PAYMENT OF EQUAL ACCESS TO
JUSTICE ACT FEES AND
EXPENSES**

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19 Pending before the Court is the parties' Joint Motion for the Award and Payment of
20 Equal Access to Justice Act Fees and Expenses. (ECF No. 13). The Court finds that the
21 rates requested are consistent with the statutory maximum hourly rates, as described by the
22 Ninth Circuit. *See Statutory Maximum Rates Under the Equal Access to Justice*, U.S. CTS.
23 FOR THE NINTH CIR., <https://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/attorneys/statutory-maximum-rates/>
24 (last visited Mar. 5, 2025). The parties' requested legal assistance rate is also consistent
25 with legal assistant or paralegal rates awarded in this district. *See Durruthy v. Charter*
26 *Comme'ns, LLC*, No. 20-CV-01374-W-MSB, 2021 WL 6883423, at *6 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 30,
27 2021) (collecting cases). The Court also finds that hours expended by Plaintiff's counsel
28 to be reasonable. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** that fees and expenses in the amount

1 of **\$7,500.00** as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and **\$405.00** in costs under 28 U.S.C.
2 § 1920, be awarded subject to the terms of the Joint Motion.

3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

4 Dated: March 5, 2025

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6 Hon. Dana M. Sabraw
7 United States District Judge
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