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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO Judge Christine M. Arguello

Civil Action No. 12-cv-00735-CMA

ELOSIA R. CROWDER,

Plaintiff,

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MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT

Upon consideration of the parties' Stipulated Motion for Attorney Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, *et seq.* (Doc. # 38), it is hereby ORDERED that:

- 1. Defendant will pay Plaintiff a total of \$8,500.00 in EAJA fees.
- 2. Defendant's payment of this amount bars any and all claims Plaintiff may have relating to EAJA fees and expenses in connection with this action.
- 3. Defendant's payment of this amount is without prejudice to Plaintiff's right to seek attorney fees under section 206(b) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the offset provisions of the EAJA.
 - 4. This Order will not be used as precedent in any future cases.

5. It is further ordered that if, after receiving the Court's EAJA fee order, the Commissioner (1) determines upon effectuation of the Court's EAJA fee order that Plaintiff does not owe a debt that is subject to offset under the Treasury Offset Program, and (2) agrees to waive the requirements of the Anti-Assignment Act, the fees will be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney. However, if there is a debt owed under the Treasury Offset Program, the Commissioner cannot agree to waive the requirements of the Anti-Assignment Act, and the remaining EAJA fees after offset will be paid by a check made out to Plaintiff but delivered to Plaintiff's attorney.

DATED this 23rd day of July, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

CHRISTINE M. ARGUELLO United States District Judge

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