

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 15-cv-00828-MEH

RONNICA SIMONE BELL,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAROLYN COLVIN, Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

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**ORDER**

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**Michael E. Hegarty, United States Magistrate Judge.**

The Unopposed Motion for Order Approving Award of Attorney Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act [[filed April 13, 2016; docket #28](#)] is **granted**. It is

ORDERED that Defendant pay to Plaintiff reasonable attorney fees in the amount of \$3,667.20. Payment shall be made payable to Plaintiff and delivered to Plaintiff's counsel. *See Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 597 (2010) (holding that EAJA awards are payable to litigants and that EAJA awards are subject to offset by the Treasury Department to satisfy any debts litigants may owe to the Government). Defendant will consider the propriety of directing payment to the attorney pursuant to an assignment, but will do so only after the award has been issued to Plaintiff and the amount of any federal debt owed by Plaintiff is properly offset.

Dated at Denver, Colorado this 14th day of April, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael E. Hegarty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a distinct 'E'.

Michael E. Hegarty  
United States Magistrate Judge