

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, SPRINGFIELD DIVISION**

JULIA RINGERING,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 18-cv-3090
	)	
ANDREW SAUL,	)	
Commissioner of Social Security,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**OPINION**

TOM SCHANZLE-HASKINS, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE:

Plaintiff Julia Ringering’s Petition for Award of Attorney Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) (d/e 25) (Motion) is ALLOWED. The Defendant Commissioner has no objection to the Motion. This Court awards Plaintiff \$5,445.90 in for attorney fees (“Fee Award”) and \$400.00 for reimbursement of the filing fee (Filing Fee). The Fee Award and Filing Fee fully and completely satisfy any and all claims for fees, costs, and expenses that may have been payable to Plaintiff in this case under the EAJA.

The Fee Award belongs to Plaintiff, but Plaintiff may, and has, assigned her right to the Fee Award to her attorney Jennifer Van Fossen.

Memorandum in Support of Plaintiff’s Petition for Attorney Fees Pursuant to

EAJA (d/e 26), Exhibit 3, Assignment of Federal Court EAJA Attorney Fee.

The United States may also take an offset against the Fee Award and Filing Fee to satisfy any pre-existing debts that Plaintiff owes the United States. See Astrue v. Ratliff, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_. 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010). If the United States determines that all or any portion of the Fee Award and Filing Fee is not subject to offset for such debts, Defendant shall pay the portion of the Fee Award not subject to offset to Plaintiff's attorney Jennifer Van Fossen, and shall pay the portion of the Filing Fee not subject to offset to Plaintiff Julia Ringer.

ENTER: October 24, 2019

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TOM SCHANZLE-HASKINS  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE