

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

JACK T. MEROD,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	Civil No. 15-cv-559-CJP
)	
CAROLYN W. COLVIN,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER for ATTORNEY'S FEES

PROUD, Magistrate Judge:

Before the Court is the parties' Stipulation for Attorney Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act. **(Doc. 23).**

The parties have agreed that plaintiff is entitled to an award in the amount of \$6,250.00 for attorney's fees and no additional sum for costs. The parties agree that this award shall fully satisfy any claims for fees, costs and expenses that may be payable in this case under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. §2412.

The Court finds that plaintiff is the prevailing party and is entitled to an award of attorney's fees, expenses and costs pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. §2412(d)(1)(B). The Court further finds that the agreed upon amount is reasonable and appropriate.

The parties' Stipulation **(Doc. 23)** is **GRANTED**. The Court awards plaintiff the sum of **\$6,250.00** (six thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars) for attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act. These funds are payable to

plaintiff, per *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010). However, in accordance with the parties' agreement, any part of the award that is not subject to set-off to pay plaintiff's pre-existing debt to the United States shall be made payable to plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment previously executed by plaintiff and his attorney.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: October 7, 2016.

s/ Clifford J. Proud
CLIFFORD J. PROUD
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE