

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

DONALD G. ALLEN,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	Civil No. 17-cv-1046-DGW
)	
COMMISSIONER of SOCIAL)	
SECURITY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER for ATTORNEY'S FEES

WILKERSON, Magistrate Judge:

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's Application for Attorney's Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act. **(Doc. 33)**. Defendant has not filed a response, and the time for doing so has expired.

Plaintiff seeks attorney's fees in the amount of \$4,276.00, representing 22.3 hours at an hourly rate of \$191.75.

The Court finds that plaintiff is the prevailing party and is entitled to an award of attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. §2412(d)(1)(B). The Court further finds that the number of hours claimed and the hourly rate are reasonable and appropriate. This award shall fully and completely satisfy any and all claims for fees and expenses that may have been payable to plaintiff in this matter pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. §2412. The Court notes that plaintiff was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis and did not pay a filing fee.

Plaintiff's Application for Attorney's Fees (**Doc. 33**) is **GRANTED**. The Court awards plaintiff attorney's fees in the amount of \$4,276.00 (four thousand two hundred seventy-six dollars), with no additional amount for expenses.

The amount awarded is payable to plaintiff and is subject to set-off for any debt owed by plaintiff to the United States, per *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). See also, *Harrington v. Berryhill*, 906 F.3d 561 (7th Cir. 2018). However, 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 executed by plaintiff and attached to the motion as Exhibit 6.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: July 1, 2019



**DONALD G. WILKERSON
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**