

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF MAINE**

<b>GARRY POULIN,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>PLAINTIFF</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	
	)	<b>CIVIL No. 1:14-cv-102-DBH</b>
<b>CAROLYN W. COLVIN, ACTING</b>	)	
<b>COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	)	
<b>ADMINISTRATION,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>DEFENDANT</b>	)	

**ORDER ON MOTION FOR AWARD OF FEES**

The plaintiff's motion for an award of attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) in the amount of \$9,033.50 (ECF No. 20) is **GRANTED**. (The Commissioner has not objected.) That award, together with the \$6,000 fee the Commissioner awarded under 42 U.S.C. § 406(a), amounts to 25% of the past due benefits of \$60,134.00 that the lawyer's efforts obtained for the plaintiff in this case. Twenty-five percent is the amount the plaintiff agreed to pay under the Contingent Fee Agreement (ECF No. 20-2), and I conclude under the circumstances that it is reasonable. See Gisbrecht v. Barnhart, 535 U.S. 789 (2002); Siraco v. Astrue, 806 F. Supp.2d 272 (D. Me. 2011). Upon receiving payment, counsel shall return to the plaintiff the earlier award of \$3,090.80 in EAJA fees.

**So ORDERED.**

**DATED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2017**

/s/D. BROCK HORNBY  
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**D. BROCK HORNBY**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**