

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION**

DAVID M. COX,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	No. 11-CV-0283-W-FJG-SSA
)	
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,)	
Commissioner, Social Security)	
Administration)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

Currently pending before the Court is plaintiff's Application for Attorney Fees Pursuant to The Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (Doc. # 14). Plaintiff had initially requested fees in an amount of \$5,012.36, representing 29 hours of attorney time at \$172.84 per hour. However, after discussion, the parties have agreed to award of attorney fees in the amount of \$4,800.00. The Government notes that pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 177 L.Ed.2d 91 (2010), the EAJA fee is subject to offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt plaintiff may owe to the United States.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that plaintiff's application for attorney fees is **GRANTED**, and plaintiff shall be awarded payment of \$4,800.00 in attorney fees to be paid by the Social Security Administration.

Date: 4/2/2012
Kansas City, Missouri

S/ FERNANDO J. GAITAN, JR.
Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge