



The parties request that the EAJA award be paid directly to Plaintiff's counsel as her assignee. In support of this request, the Plaintiff has submitted a copy of her Fee Agreement with counsel, which purports to assign such fees. [Doc. 20-1]. The Court finds that the Commissioner should accept this assignment of the awarded fees by the Plaintiff to her attorney and upon receipt of such assignment, the Commissioner will pay that award of fees directly to Plaintiff's counsel, provided that it is shown that as of the date of this Order, the Plaintiff does not owe any debt to the United States Government which is subject to offset. See Astrue v. Ratliff, \_\_\_U.S. \_\_\_, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 177 L.Ed.2d 91 (2010).

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Plaintiff's Petition for Attorney's Fees and Costs [Doc. 20] is hereby **GRANTED**, and the Plaintiff is hereby awarded attorney's fees in the amount of Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$5,750.00), which sum is in full satisfaction of any and all claims by the Plaintiff in this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Commissioner shall inform Plaintiff's counsel whether the Plaintiff owes a debt to the Government by which this fee award may be offset no later than thirty (30) days from entry of this Order. Within the same time period, the Plaintiff shall provide a valid

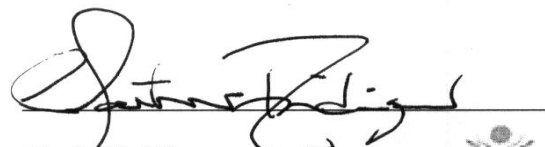
fee assignment to the Defendant. Provided that the Plaintiff does not owe any debt to the Government which is subject to offset, the Commissioner shall honor the assignment of fees.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that in the event that past-due benefits are awarded on remand, the Plaintiff shall have thirty (30) days after being served with notice of the past-due benefits award to file for an award of fees pursuant to the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 406(b).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that no additional Petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) may be filed.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: June 12, 2013

  
Martin Reidinger  
United States District Judge

