

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION**

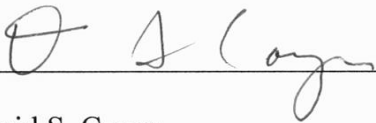
JACQUELINE D. TEETER,)	
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PLAINTIFF,)	CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:12-cv-190-GCM-DSC
)	
VS.)	
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MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,)	
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL)	
SECURITY,)	
)	
DEFENDANT.)	

THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT on the Plaintiff’s Motion for Attorney’s Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(A), filed on January 25, 2013. The parties agree in this case that Plaintiff should be awarded attorney’s fees in the amount of \$6,369.12 under the Equal Access to Justice Act (“EAJA”), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).

IT IS ORDERED that the Plaintiff’s Motion for Attorney’s Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(A), is **GRANTED** and the Court will award attorney’s fees in the amount of \$6,369.12, and that pursuant to Comm’r of Soc. Sec. v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. ----, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010), the fee award will first be subject to offset of any debt Plaintiff may owe to the United States. The Commissioner will determine within thirty days of this Order whether Plaintiff owes a debt to the United States. If so, the debt will be satisfied first, and if any funds remain, they will be made payable to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff’s counsel. If the United States Department of the Treasury reports to the Commissioner that the Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, the Government will exercise its discretion and honor an assignment of EAJA fees, and pay the awarded fees directly to Plaintiff’s counsel. No additional petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) shall be filed.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: February 26, 2013



David S. Cayer
United States Magistrate Judge

