

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

CHRISTOPHER C. TRIFARI,)	CASE NO: 5:14-cv-01720
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	JUDGE SARA LIOI
v.)	
)	
CAROLYN W. COLVIN,)	MEMORANDUM OPINION
Acting Commissioner of Social)	AND ORDER
Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

On April 15, 2015, the parties filed a Joint Proposed Stipulation to an Award of Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in the amount of \$1,810.00. (Doc. No. 16.) The Court finds the stipulated amount to be reasonable. Therefore, the Court awards Plaintiff \$1,810.00 in attorney fees pursuant to the EAJA. This award shall satisfy all of Plaintiff's claims for fees and expenses under 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

If counsel for the parties can verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debts to the United States that are subject to offset, Defendant shall direct that the award be made payable to Plaintiff's counsel subject to the assignment signed by Plaintiff and his counsel, and shall direct the Treasury Department to mail any check in this matter to the business address of Plaintiff's counsel. If Plaintiff owes a pre-existing federal debt subject to offset, the Commissioner shall direct that the check be made payable directly to Plaintiff's counsel, in an amount equaling the balance of the stipulated attorney fees remaining after subtracting the amount of Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt. Payment to Plaintiff's counsel is authorized pursuant to an EAJA assignment duly signed by Plaintiff and his

counsel. If Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt exceeds the amount of the stipulated attorney fees, the stipulated amount shall be used to offset Plaintiff's federal debt and no attorney fees shall be paid.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



HONORABLE SARA LIOI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: July 1, 2015