

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

ADA L. ANDRES COX,	:	Case No. 3:16-cv-501
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Plaintiff,	:	District Judge Thomas M. Rose
	:	Magistrate Judge Sharon L. Ovington
vs.	:	
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NANCY A. BERRYHILL,	:	
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL	:	
SECURITY,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

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**DECISION AND ENTRY**

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This case is before the Court on the parties' Joint Stipulation for Allowance of Attorney Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (Doc. #14). Specifically, the parties stipulate and petition this Court to enter an order awarding attorney fees in the total amount of \$4,100.00 under the EAJA. This stipulation represents a compromise of disputed positions and is not intended to set a precedent for any specific hourly rate. The award of attorney fees will fully satisfy any and all Plaintiff's claims for fees, costs, and expenses under 28 U.S.C. § 2412, that may be payable in this case.

Any fees paid belong to Plaintiff and can be offset to satisfy pre-existing debt that Plaintiff owes the United States, pursuant to the decision in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010).

After the Court enters this award, if counsel for the parties can verify that

Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt subject to offset, Defendant will direct that the award be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment duly signed by Plaintiff and counsel.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Parties' Joint Stipulation for Allowance of Attorney Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (Doc. #14) is accepted and the Commissioner shall pay Plaintiff's attorney fees, costs, and expenses in the total amount of \$4,100.00;
2. Counsel for the parties shall verify, **within thirty days of this Decision and Entry**, whether or not Plaintiff owes a pre-existing debt to the United States subject to offset. If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff and counsel; and
3. The case remains terminated on the docket of this Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: October 17, 2017

*\*s/Thomas M. Rose*  
Thomas M. Rose  
United States District Judge