

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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| LACIE R. WALLACE,               | ) |                       |
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| Plaintiff,                      | ) |                       |
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| v.                              | ) | Case No. CIV-11-896-D |
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| MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,              | ) |                       |
| Commissioner of Social Security | ) |                       |
| Administration,                 | ) |                       |
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| Defendant.                      | ) |                       |

**ORDER**

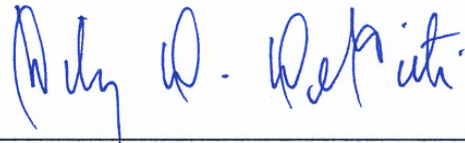
This matter comes before the Court for consideration of Plaintiff’s Application for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act [Doc. No. 20]. Plaintiff seeks an award of fees pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in the amount of \$4,657.40 for legal services provided by her attorney (25.6 hours) in the case. Plaintiff is the prevailing party in this action under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) by virtue of the Agreed Judgment and Order of Remand entered April 10, 2012. The Commissioner has responded by stating he has no objection to the requested amount or to an award payable to Plaintiff, consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2529 (2010), and *Manning v. Astrue*, 510 F.3d 1246, 1255 (10th Cir. 2007).

After consideration of the law, the record, and the arguments of the parties, the Court finds: (1) the Commissioner’s position in the case was not substantially justified; (2) Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d); and (3) the amount of attorney fees requested is reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Application is GRANTED. The Court orders an award of attorney fees to Plaintiff pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act in the

amount of \$4,657.40. Should an additional fee award under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) subsequently be authorized, Plaintiff's attorney shall refund the smaller amount to Plaintiff as required by *Weakley v. Bowen*, 803 F.2d 575, 580 (10th Cir. 1986).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 16, 2012.



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TIMOTHY D. DEGIUSTI  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE