

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

MICHAEL GAGGIA,

No. 6:14-cv-00190-HZ

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

ORDER

Defendant.

Plaintiff Michael Gaggia brought this action seeking review of the Commissioner's final decision to deny disability insurance benefits (DIB). In a May 9, 2015 Opinion & Order, I reversed the Commissioner's decision, and ordered that the case be reversed and remanded for additional proceedings. Judgment was entered on May 11, 2015. Upon remand, Plaintiff was awarded disability benefits.

Plaintiff now seeks an award of fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). Defendant has no objection to the request. I have reviewed the record in the case, the motion, and the supporting materials including the award of benefits, the fee agreement with counsel, and the recitation of

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counsel's hours and services. Applying the standards set by Gisbrecht v. Barnhart, 535 U.S. 789, 796 (2002), I find the requested fees reasonable.

I grant the motion [#24] and award Plaintiff's counsel \$31,159.75 in attorney's fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). Previously, I awarded Plaintiff attorney's fees in the amount of \$9,165.51 under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. When issuing the section 406(b) check for payment to Plaintiff's attorney, the Commissioner is directed to subtract the amount previously awarded under EAJA and send Plaintiff's attorney the balance of \$21,994.24, less any applicable processing fees as allowed by statute. Any amount withheld after all administrative and court attorney's fees are paid should be released to the claimant.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 12 day of May, 2017

Marco Hernandez
Marco A. Hernandez
United States District Judge