

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON  
PORTLAND DIVISION

JAMES NICHOLS,

Plaintiff,

No. 6:16-CV-01816-HZ

v.

ORDER

COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL  
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

Plaintiff James Nichols brought this action seeking review of the Commissioner's final decision to deny Disability Insurance Benefits (DIB) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). On October 11, 2017, I adopted the parties' Stipulated Motion to Remand to Agency and ordered that the case be reversed and remanded for an immediate calculation of benefits with an amended onset date of December 1, 2014. Judgement was entered on October 11, 2017. On April 19, 2018, Plaintiff's counsel received notice of Plaintiff's award for benefits. Pl. Mot. Ex. 5, ECF 32-5.

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 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 [32] and award Plaintiff's counsel \$8,615.23 in attorney's fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). Previously, I awarded Plaintiff attorney's fees in the amount of \$4,732.22 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 \$3,883.01, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2018

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Marco A. Hernandez  
United States District Judge