

Quetta Delorse Conyers,)	C/A No.: 0:12-1434-JFA
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Plaintiff,)	
v.)	ORDER
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Carolyn W. Colvin,)	
Commissioner of Social Security,)	
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Defendant.)	
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In the United States Supreme Court case of *Gisbrecht v. Barnhart*, 535 U.S. 780 (2002), the Court held that the provision of the Social Security Act limiting attorney fees to

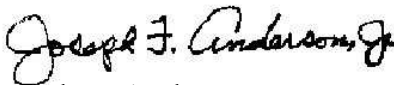
25% of past-due benefits does not displace contingent-fee agreements that are within such statutory ceiling, and instructs courts to review for reasonableness fees yielded by such agreements.

Upon review of the material submitted to the court, the undersigned finds that plaintiff counsel's request for attorney fees is reasonable. Indeed, plaintiff's counsel has represented the plaintiff for approximately six years including three administrative hearings and time spent before this court. Counsel successfully obtained a large award of back benefits as well as ongoing benefits.

Therefore, it is ordered that the Commissioner pay reasonable attorney fees totaling \$18,065 to be drawn out of the 25% amount withheld from the plaintiff's past-due benefits. As this court has already awarded attorney fees to Ms. Whitten under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) in the amount of \$1,389, plaintiff's counsel must refund that amount (\$1,389) to the plaintiff. *See Gisbrecht* at 796.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

April 7, 2014
Columbia, South Carolina


Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.
United States District Judge