

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
GREENVILLE DIVISION**

Karen Higginbotham-Dickens, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. )  
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 Carolyn W. Colvin, Commissioner of the )  
 Social Security Administration, )  
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 Defendant. )  
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Civil Action No. 6:14-cv-03528-JMC

**ORDER**

This matter is before the court upon motion by Plaintiff, through her attorney, Danny Mayes, for an award of attorney’s fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. On March 30, 2016, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Attorney’s Fees and Costs [ECF No. 27] pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412, seeking reimbursement for Counsel’s representation in the captioned matter in the amount of \$4,775.38 in fees at \$125.00 per hour, \$407.00 for costs, and \$16.00 for expenses. On March 15, 2016, the parties agreed to a stipulated amount of \$4,391.00 for attorney’s fees and \$407.00 in costs. [ECF No. 28.]

The court has reviewed Counsel’s fee petition and the signed Joint Stipulation for Attorney Fees [ECF No. 28] and finds Counsel’s stipulated request for fees reasonable.

Therefore, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney’s fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act in the stipulated amount of \$4,391.00 and \$407.00 in costs.

In accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2528-29 (2010), EAJA fees awarded by this court belong to the litigant, thus subjecting EAJA fees to offset under the Treasury Offset Program (31 U.S.C. § 3716(c)(3)(B) (2006)) and, therefore, the court directs that fees be payable to Plaintiff and Delivered to Plaintiff’s counsel.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Michelle Childs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

United States District Judge

September 13, 2016  
Columbia, South Carolina