

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
AIKEN DIVISION

SHARON GRANT COAKLEY,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	Civil Action No. 8:15-02788-MGL
)	
vs.)	
)	
NANCY A. BERRYHILL,)	
Acting Commissioner of)	
Social Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Application for an Award of Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) filed March 17, 2017. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2412. The parties filed a joint Stipulation for an Award of Attorney's Fees Pursuant to the EAJA informing the Court of their agreement to stipulate to an award of \$5,500 in attorney's fees.

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, this Court directs fees be payable to Plaintiff and delivered to Plaintiff's counsel. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion pursuant to the EAJA is **GRANTED** in the amount of \$5,500 in attorney's fees.

s/ Mary Geiger Lewis
Mary Geiger Lewis
United States District Judge

April 7, 2017
Columbia, South Carolina