

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