

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

LAURIE JEAN ERICKSON.

Plaintiff,

V.

NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting
Commissioner of the Social Security
Administration,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:17-CV-00933-JRC

ORDER ON UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR EQUAL ACCESS
TO JUSTICE ACT FEES AND
EXPENSES

This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 and Local Magistrate Judge Rule MJR 13 (*see also* Consent to Proceed Before a United States Magistrate Judge, Dkt. 2). This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Equal Access to Justice Act Fees and Expenses (*see* Dkt. 14).

Based on the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, (“EAJA”), the stipulation of the parties (*see* Dkt. 14, Attachment 4), attorney time and expense itemizations (Dkt. 14, Attachment 2), and the relevant record, it is hereby ORDERED that EAJA attorney’s fees of \$8,855.55 and expenses of \$26.10, shall be awarded to plaintiff pursuant to the EAJA and

1 consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2524, 2010 U.S. LEXIS 4763 at ***6-***7
2 (2010).

3 The Acting Commissioner shall contact the Department of Treasury after the Order for
4 EAJA fees and expenses is entered to determine if the EAJA fees and expenses are subject to any
5 offset. If it is determined that plaintiff's EAJA fees and expenses are not subject to any offset
6 allowed pursuant to the Department of the Treasury's Offset Program, then the check for EAJA
7 fees and expenses shall be made payable to George Andre Fields, Esq., based on plaintiff's
8 assignment of these amounts to plaintiff's attorney (*see* Fee Agreement, Dkt. 14, Attachment 3).
9 If there is an offset, the remainder shall be made payable to plaintiff, based on the practice of the
10 Department of the Treasury (*see, e.g.*, Case No. 2:15-cv-122, Dkt. 22, p. 4). Any check for EAJA
11 fees and expenses shall be mailed to plaintiff's counsel, George Andre Fields, Esq. at P.O. Box
12 231024, Sacramento, CA 95823.

13 Dated this 6th day of March, 2018.

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16 J. Richard Creatura
United States Magistrate Judge
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