

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

JENNIFER S. ARENT,

Plaintiff,

v.

NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

Case No. 16-CV-1029-JPS

ORDER

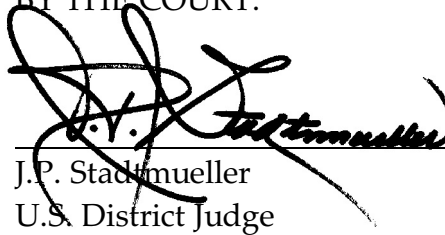
On December 8, 2016, the Court remanded this case to the Commissioner of Social Security, pursuant to the parties' stipulation. (Docket #11, #12, and #13). On March 8, 2017, the plaintiff filed a motion for an award of attorney fees and costs pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (Docket #14). On March 31, 2017, the defendant indicated that she does not oppose the motion. (Docket #17). Pursuant to the plaintiff's motion, and because the Court finds that the fees incurred are both reasonable and necessary and qualify under the EAJA,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the plaintiff's motion for an award of attorney fees and costs (Docket #14) be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**; an award of attorney fees and costs in the sum of \$2,028.00 shall be paid by the defendant in full satisfaction and settlement of any and all claims the plaintiff may have in this matter pursuant to the EAJA. These fees are awarded to the plaintiff and not the plaintiff's attorney and can be offset to satisfy pre-existing debts that the litigant owes the United States under *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010). If counsel for the parties verify that the plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt subject to offset, then the defendant

shall direct that the award be made payable to the plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by the plaintiff and counsel. If the plaintiff owes a pre-existing debt subject to offset in an amount less than the EAJA award, the Social Security Administration will instruct the U.S. Department of Treasury that any check for the remainder after offset will be made payable to the plaintiff and mailed to the business address of the plaintiff's attorney.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 4th day of April, 2017.

BY THE COURT:



J.P. Stadtmueller
U.S. District Judge