

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

DIANA J. ZACHARIAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 07-2040-KHV

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, COMMISSIONER
OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

ORDER GRANTING ATTORNEY'S FEES
UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT (EAJA)

The Court, after reviewing the file and being advised by the parties that they have agreed to an award under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) ("EAJA"), in connection with the court-related representation of Plaintiff in this social security appeal, finds that reimbursement should be made for attorney fees in the amount of \$5,830.59.

The Court is further informed by the parties that the Plaintiff has entered into an "Attorney Fee Contract for Social Security Benefits/SSI Fee Agreement - Federal Court" in which the Plaintiff assigned any entitlement to a fee under the EAJA to her attorney. Based upon this information, and the absence of objection by the Defendant (*see* Def.'s Resp. To Pl.'s Mot. for Attorney Fees Pursuant To The Equal Access To Justice Act, filed Dec. 20, 2007), the Court permits payment of the EAJA fee to be made directly to the Plaintiff's counsel as assignee.

IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED AND ORDERED THAT, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412, Plaintiff is granted attorney's fees under the EAJA in the amount of **\$5,830.59**. The check to the Plaintiff shall be made payable to the Plaintiff's attorney Andrea S. Stubblefield.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

s/ Kathryn H. Vratil
KATHRYN H. VRATIL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

APPROVED BY:

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