



Brummett v. Commissioner, Social Security Administration

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

DALLAS DIVISION SHAWN E. B., §

PLAINTIFF, §

§ V. § CASE NO. 3:23-CV-2106-L-BK

§ COMMISSIONER OF THE § SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, §

DEFENDANT. §

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Special Order 3 Notice of Unopposed Motion for Attorney Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, Doc. 31, is before the Court for the issuance of findings and a recommended disposition. For the reasons that follow, the motion should be GRANTED.

expenses if: (1) the 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(A); *Sims v. Apfel*, 238 F.3d 597, 599-600 (5th Cir. 2001). The award of

See 28 U.S.C. § 2412(b).

Plaintiff seeks \$6,795.67 fees, based on 27.6 hours of attorney time expended at a rate of \$246.22 per hour. Doc. 31 at 1. motion (which the Commissioner does not oppose) and the applicable law, the Court finds the request reasonable. Thus, Notice of Unopposed Motion for Attorney Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, Doc. 31, should be GRANTED in the amount of \$6,795.67.

EAJA awards are payable directly to the prevailing party, not the attorney. *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 592-93 (2010). Accordingly, the award here should be made payable directly to Plaintiff but sent in care of his attorney. *Jackson v. Astrue*, 705 F.3d 527, 531 n.11 (5th Cir. 2013).

SO RECOMMENDED on April 25, 2024.



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL/OBJECT A copy of this report and recommendation will be served on all parties in the manner provided by law. Any party who objects to any part of this report and recommendation must file specific written objections within 14 days after being served with a copy. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b). An objection must identify the finding or recommendation to which objection is made, state the basis for the objection, and indicate where in the magistrate merely incorporates by reference or refers to the briefing before the magistrate judge is not specific. Failure to file specific written objections will bar the aggrieved party from appealing the factual findings and legal conclusions of the magistrate judge that are accepted or adopted by the district court, except upon grounds of plain error. 79 F.3d 1415, 1417 (5th Cir. 1996), modified by statute on other grounds, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (extending the time to file objections to 14 days).

