

1 Lipel settled his suit for \$7,500 without his consent and that she even forged his signature
2 in doing so. But Petitioner does not pray for a reversal of any conviction or seek an
3 accelerated release from confinement.

4 The principal purpose of a habeas corpus writ is to provide a remedy for
5 prisoners challenging the *fact or duration* of their confinement and who, thus, are seeking
6 either immediate release or a sooner-than-currently-scheduled release. *See Preiser v.*
7 *Rodriguez*, 411 U.S. 475, 484, 93 S.Ct. 1827, 36 L.Ed.2d 439 (1973) (holding that habeas
8 petition, not civil rights action, was proper vehicle for seeking restoration of good-time
9 credits). Here, if Petitioner's claims were to succeed, he would not thereby be entitled to
10 an accelerated release from confinement.

11 Nor is § 1983 a proper form of relief. Petitioner simply alleges no violation
12 of his federal legal rights.

13 For the foregoing reasons, the Court DISMISSES the action without prejudice
14 to Petitioner's pursuit of relief in state court or with state bar authorities.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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17 DATED: May 15, 2012



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GARY A. FEESS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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