

1 merits [and] the ability of the [plaintiff] to articulate his claims pro se in light of the complexity of the
2 legal issues involved.” Id. (internal quotation marks and citations omitted).

3 In the present case, the Court does not find the required exceptional circumstances. Even if it
4 assumed that plaintiff is not well versed in the law and that he has made serious allegations which, if
5 proved, would entitle him to relief, his case is not exceptional. Plaintiff alleges a claim of retaliation
6 against several defendants in violation of the First Amendment. The legal issues present in this action
7 are not complex, and Plaintiff has thoroughly set forth his allegations in the complaint. However, at
8 this early stage in the proceedings, the Court cannot make a determination that Plaintiff is likely to
9 succeed on the merits, and based on a review of the record in this case, the Court does not find that
10 plaintiff cannot adequately articulate his claims. Id.

11 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff’s motion for the appointment of counsel is HEREBY
12 DENIED, without prejudice.

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14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 Dated: February 12, 2015



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE