

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 an Eighth Amendment
6 claim against several defendants for denying him appropriate medical attention. The legal issues
7 present in this action are not complex, and Plaintiff has thoroughly set forth his allegations in the
8 complaint. However, at this early stage in the proceedings, the court cannot make a determination that
9 Plaintiff is likely to succeed on the merits, and based on a review of the record in this case, the court
10 does not find that 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: March 4, 2014



16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE