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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

STEVEN CIOTTA,

Petitioner,

v.

S. FRAUENHEIM,

Respondent.

Case No. 1:15-cv-01849-EPG-HC

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL
(ECF No. 2)

Petitioner is proceeding *pro se* with a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. (ECF No. 2).

There currently exists no absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See, e.g., Anderson v. Heinze, 258 F.2d 479, 481 (9th Cir. 1958); Mitchell v. Wyrick, 727 F.2d 773, 774 (8th Cir. 1984). However, Title 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B) authorizes the appointment of counsel at any stage of the proceeding for financially eligible persons if “the interests of justice so require.” See Rule 8(c), Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. In the present case, the Court does not find that the interests of justice require the appointment of counsel at the present time.

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1 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner’s request for appointment of
2 counsel is DENIED.

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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6 Dated: **December 16, 2015**

/s/ *Eric P. Grij*
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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