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In the present case, the court does not find the required exceptional circumstances. Even if it is assumed that plaintiff is not well versed in the law and that he has made serious allegations which, if proved, would entitle him to relief, his case is not exceptional. This court is faced with similar cases almost daily. Further, at this early stage in the proceedings, the court cannot make a determination that plaintiff is likely to succeed on the merits, and based on a review of the record in this case, the court does not find that plaintiff cannot adequately articulate his claims. Id. Thus, plaintiff's motion for the appointment of counsel is **DENIED** without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 8, 2019

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE