

1 In the present case, the Court does not find the required exceptional circumstances. Even if it
2 assumed that Plaintiff is not well versed in the law and that he has made serious allegations which, if
3 proved, would entitle him to relief, his case is not exceptional. The legal issues present in this action
4 are not complex, and Plaintiff has thoroughly set forth his allegations. Further, at this early stage in the
5 proceedings, the Court cannot yet determine that Plaintiff is likely to succeed on the merits. Further,
6 circumstances common to most prisoners, such as lack of legal education and limited law library access,
7 do not alone establish exceptional circumstances that would warrant a request for voluntary assistance
8 of counsel.

9 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff's motion for the appointment of counsel is HEREBY
10 DENIED, without prejudice.

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 Dated: July 19, 2018



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE