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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

STEVEN N. BOLTON,

Petitioner,

No. CIV S-06-0449 GEB CHS P

vs.

DARREL G. ADAMS, et al.,

Respondents.

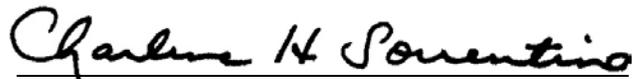
ORDER

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Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. There currently exists no absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See Nevius v. Sumner, 105 F.3d 453, 460 (9th Cir. 1996). However, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel at any stage of the case “if the interests of justice so require.” See Rule 8(c), Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases. In the present case, the undersigned does not find that the interests of justice would be served by the appointment of counsel.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner’s December 24, 2008 and January 12, 2009 requests for appointment of counsel are denied.

DATED: January 14, 2009



CHARLENE H. SORRENTINO
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE