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

9 DONOVAN PHIPPS,

10 Petitioner,

No. CIV S-07-0087 WBS CHS P

11 vs.

12 MIKE EVANS, Warden, et al.,

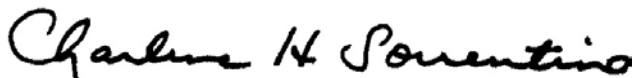
13 Respondents.

ORDER

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15 Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. There currently exists no
16 absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See Nevius v. Sumner, 105 F.3d
17 453, 460 (9th Cir. 1996). However, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel at
18 any stage of the case “if the interests of justice so require.” See Rule 8(c), Fed. R. Governing
19 § 2254 Cases. In the present case, the court does not find that the interests of justice would be
20 served by the appointment of counsel at this time.

21 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner’s March 26, 2009
22 request for appointment of counsel is denied.

23 DATED: April 1, 2009

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25 CHARLENE H. SORRENTINO
26 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE