

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

MICHAEL STEPHEN MATLOCK, No. 2:10-CV-3049-JAM-CMK-F

Petitioner,

VS.

ORDER

MIKE MARTEL, et al.

Respondents.

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

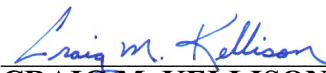
19 Petitioner seeks the appointment of counsel (Doc. 52). There currently exists no
20 absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See Nevius v. Sumner, 105 F.3d
21 453, 460 (9th Cir. 1996). However, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel at
22 any stage of the case “if the interests of justice so require.” See Rule 8(c), Fed. R. Governing
23 § 2254 Cases. In the present case, the court does not find that the interests of justice would be
24 served by the appointment of counsel. Further requests for the appointment of counsel will not
25 be considered.

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1 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner's motion for appointment
2 of counsel (Doc. 52) is denied.

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4 DATED: February 28, 2013

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6 CRAIG M. KELLISON
7 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE