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8 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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11 MICHAEL STEPHEN MATLOCK, No. 2:10-CV-3049-JAM-CMK-P

12 Petitioner,

13 vs.

ORDER

14 MIKE MARTEL, et al.,

15 Respondents.  
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17 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of  
18 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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7                   **CRAIG M. KELLISON**  
8                   UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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