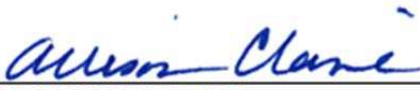


1 court must consider ‘the likelihood of success on the merits as well as the ability of the petitioner
2 to articulate his claims pro se in light of the complexity of the legal issues involved.’” Palmer,
3 560 F.3d at 970 (quoting Weygandt v. Look, 718 F.2d 952, 954 (9th Cir. 1983)). Circumstances
4 common to most prisoners, such as lack of legal education and limited law library access, do not
5 establish exceptional circumstances that would warrant a request for voluntary assistance of
6 counsel. See, e.g., Guess v. Lopez, 2014 WL 1883875 at *5 (E.D. Cal. 2014) (Claire, M.J.). The
7 court does not find exceptional circumstances in this case, at this time.

8 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- 9 1. Plaintiff’s motion for the appointment of counsel (ECF No. 15) is DENIED.
- 10 2. Within thirty days from the date of this order, plaintiff shall submit the documents
11 specified in the court’s October 24, 2014 order at page 5, ¶ 6.

12 DATED: December 3, 2014

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14 ALLISON CLAIRE
15 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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