

1 to pay fees for expert witnesses). The federal courts have uniformly held that an indigent prisoner
2 litigant must bear his own costs of litigation, including witnesses. Tedder, 890 F.2d at 211 (in
3 forma pauperis statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1915, does not authorize waiver of fees or expenses for an
4 indigent's witnesses).

5 In this case, it appears that plaintiff is seeking to have the court appoint an expert witness
6 to advocate on his behalf, which is not authorized by Rule 706. Even if plaintiff is truly seeking a
7 neutral expert, the court does not find that the issues in this case are complicated such that the
8 testimony of a neutral expert would be warranted, and the request is therefore denied. To the
9 extent the expenses of an expert retained on behalf of a prisoner litigant may be recovered if
10 preauthorized and arranged by counsel appointed by this court's Pro Bono Panel, plaintiff has not
11 demonstrated extraordinary circumstances to warrant appointment of counsel. The court will
12 therefore decline to appoint counsel for the purpose of obtaining an expert witness.

13 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for appointment of an
14 expert witness (ECF No. 37) is denied.

15 DATED: May 22, 2019

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17 ALLISON CLAIRE
18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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