

1 exceptional circumstances that would warrant a request for voluntary assistance of counsel.

2 By order filed June 19, 2019, this case was referred to the Post-Screening ADR Project
3 and stayed for 120 days. ECF No. 21. The matter was then set for a settlement conference,
4 which is scheduled to take place on October 1, 2019. ECF No. 25. Plaintiff requests counsel on
5 the grounds that he requires assistance in conducting discovery and proceeding at trial. ECF No.
6 29. However, in staying the case, the court explicitly ordered that the parties were not to engage
7 in formal discovery (ECF No. 21 at 3), and it is unclear at this time whether this case will
8 ultimately proceed to trial. The motion for appointment of counsel will therefore be denied and
9 the court will not consider any further motions, including motions for counsel, until after the stay
10 in this case has been lifted.

11 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's request for the appointment of
12 counsel (ECF No. 29) is denied.

13 DATED: July 31, 2019

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15 ALLISON CLAIRE
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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