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United States District Court  
For the Northern District of California

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHARLES STEVENS,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
RON DAVIS, Warden, San Quentin  
State Prison  
Respondent.


No. C 9-137 WHA  
DEATH PENALTY CASE  
**ORDER DENYING ATTORNEY  
BRYAN'S REQUEST FOR A REPLY**

Attorney Bryan has filed a request for the opportunity to reply to Attorney Rifkin's brief supporting petitioner's right to dismiss certain claims from the petition. The request is based on the fact that Attorney Rifkin's brief raises "unusual contentions", the lack of Ninth Circuit or Supreme Court precedent, and that the "complex arguments necessitate responses."

Each party has had an opportunity to file one brief on this issue, with Attorney Bryan's being twice the length of the other parties. Someone must be allowed to have the last word. In this instance, it is fair to allow that party to be petitioner. Additionally, the reasons stated in the request for reply are exceedingly vague. Accordingly, the request is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: January 30, 2015.

  
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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE