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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,

No. C 9-137 WHA  
DEATH PENALTY CASE  
**ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL**

v.  
RON DAVIS, Warden, San Quentin  
State Prison  
Respondent.

Good cause appearing, the Court hereby appoints Lori Rifkin to brief on petitioner's behalf the issue outlined in the Court's December 5, 2014 order (ECF Doc. No. 83), namely whether or not petitioner may direct his counsel to withdraw and waive certain claims from his petition for habeas corpus relief, assuming that the waiver of such claims by petitioner is competent, informed, and voluntary. That brief will be due on or before January 28, 2015.


The briefs of petitioner's counsel, Robert Bryan and Mark Eibert, and respondent remain due on January 9, 2015.

No further extensions of briefing deadlines shall be granted.

The Clerk is directed to serve this order directly on petitioner.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: December 17, 2014.

  
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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE