

This matter is on remand from the Ninth Circuit, which ruled that plaintiff's previously dismissed Sixth Amended Complaint included certain claims that were viable as to three of the defendants. Plaintiff's counsel has moved to withdraw, based on unspecified "professional considerations" that allegedly require termination of the representation. The motion to withdraw indicated plaintiff was unlikely to oppose, if given sufficient time to locate new counsel. Plaintiff now reports he has been unable to obtain new counsel despite diligent efforts, and opposes withdrawal of existing counsel for that reason. Plaintiff suggests appointment of pro bono counsel.

Good cause appearing, the matter will be referred by separate order to the Federal Pro
Bono Project for possible placement with pro bono counsel. A ruling on the motion to withdraw
will be deferred and the hearing set for September 26, 2019 is vacated pending the results of that
referral. Additional briefing on defendants' motion for a more definite statement is also deferred
and the hearing set for November 7, 2019 is vacated pending further order.

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## IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 18, 2019

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RICHARD SEEBORG United States District Judge