

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
SOUTH BEND DIVISION

DEXTER RAMONE TEAGUE,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CAUSE NO. 3:17-CV-255
)	
JAMES TIEMAN, CHRIS HALL, and)	
LYNN H.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Dexter Ramone Teague, a prisoner without a lawyer, filed a motion asking to be appointed an attorney. “[T]here is no constitutional or statutory right to court-appointed counsel in federal civil litigation . . .” *Pruitt v. Mote*, 503 F.3d 647, 649 (7th Cir. 2007) (*en banc*). However, in some circumstances, the court may ask an attorney to volunteer to represent indigent parties. “When confronted with a request under § 1915(e)(1) for pro bono counsel, the district court is to make the following inquiries: (1) has the indigent plaintiff made a reasonable attempt to obtain counsel or been effectively precluded from doing so; and if so, (2) given the difficulty of the case, does the plaintiff appear competent to litigate it himself?” *Pruitt v. Mote*, 503 F.3d 647, 654 (7th Cir. 2007) (*en banc*). Here, Teague states that he has only written to a couple of lawyers. This is inadequate. The clerk will send Teague ten copies of the screening order so that he can send them to ten attorneys along with a letter requesting that they represent him.

