

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

STEVEN GRANT,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARYLIN SNOWDEN,

Defendant.

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Case No. 11-10151

Honorable John Corbett O'Meara

**ORDER DENYING  
PLAINTIFF'S APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

This matter came before the court on plaintiff Steven Grant's January 11, 2011 Application for Appointment of Counsel. In his *pro se* complaint, Plaintiff alleges that his former employer terminated his employment based on age and gender.

The appointment of counsel in a civil case is a privilege and not a constitutional right, one that should be allowed only in exceptional cases. Lopez v. Reyes, 692 F.2d 15, 17 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1982). The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit has advised that district courts, in considering an application for appointment of counsel in civil cases, "should at least consider plaintiff's financial resources, the efforts of plaintiff to obtain counsel, and whether plaintiff's claim appears to have any merit." Henry v. City of Detroit Manpower Dep't., 763 F.2d 757, 760 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985).

In reviewing Plaintiff's application, the court finds no exceptional circumstances to allow for the appointment of counsel. Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Application for Appointment of Counsel is **DENIED**.

s/John Corbett O'Meara  
United States District Judge

Date: April 15, 2011

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the parties of record on this date, April 15, 2011, using the ECF system and/or ordinary mail.

s/William Barkholz  
Case Manager